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Major changes in social security to come next year

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Legislation to make major changes in Britain's social security system is to be introduced by the Government next autumn.

Key elements in the changes, which will take some years to implement and will also involve adjustments to the tax system, are likely to include:

● Restricting the scope of across the *board* benefits. An effective means-test for child benefit is likely, but with a substantial increase on the present rate of £6.50.

● New measures to protect families in the poverty trap, which cuts the incentive to work.

● Cuts in benefits for young people to encourage them to *take low-paid work.*

Social security ministers are firm that the exercisee should not be one of cutting the £39.5bn social security budget, which makes up 30 per cent of government spending, but of redistributing the total to concentrate help where it is most needed.

They do not see the fact that *their budget* emerged largely unscathed from the latest spending round as a promisory note for big reductions once the Government's social security *reviews report.*

Under the timetable now established, ministers expect to complete the four reviews by the end of this year, with proposals to be put to Cabinet early in the new year.

A "green paper with white edges" is expected to set out principles for reform in late February or early March. Legislation will be announced in the Queen's speech next November, but the programme of changes will be gradual.

MAIN AREAS OF SOCIAL SECURITY SPENDING 1984

	£bn
Elderly	18.3
Disabled and long-term sick	4.3
Unemployed	6.5
Widows and orphans	1.1
Family	5.4

Battles over spending are expected to be resolved early in the economic (A) committee of the Cabinet, with Mrs Margaret Thatcher rather than the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the chair.

Social security ministers are likely to argue that after the spending reductions made since 1979, the social security budget is at a minimal level. Changes should involve ways of using *the money more effectively,* rather than cutting the programme as the Treasury would like.

Firm decision on the changes have not yet been taken. But there is evidence that ministers accept that support for children in families of the long-term unemployed is unacceptably low. A significant increase in child benefit is therefore likely. But the "no extra cost" restraint of the reviews would mean moves to resrict the full rate to those less well off.

Taxation of child benefit is still a possibility. But a more *likely* option is to taper it to a minimal level as family income rises.

A key group that ministers want to help is families in low-*paid work where the* combination of benefits being withdrawn and tax imposed can leave them only marginally or no better off. But benefits for teenagers are likely to be further restricted to encourage them to take low-paid work.

Ministers hope to present the changes as a package of principled reforms. While they see no hope of reaching a consensus with Labour on the package, they hope the shape of the changes, if not the detail, may win backing from the Alliance parties.

In the dock: Two of the defectors ponder their fate as they await registration in Hamburg yesterday; and the Stefan Batory which brought them to freedom.

Hopes of £50 fall in Atlantic air fares

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Atlantic air fares may still fall by up to £50 before Christmas following President Reagan's dramatic order to the US Justice Department to drop criminal action against British Airways and others for allegedly *conspiring to force Laker* out of business.

While Britain does not regard this move alone as enough to justify cheap winter fares across the Atlantic – banned by the Department of Transport last month to pressure the US into stopping Laker-type anti-trust cases – talks between the two sides are *still continuing* and a US delegation is expected in London in a fortnight's time. Meanwhile hopes are high enough among the airlines for them to put together a fresh cheap fares package to await a new Anglo-US formula.

The President's move was greeted by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, *yesterday* as "*very helpful*" and "creating a new climate" for bilateral talks.

"We hope a new agreement can be reached that will permit low fares to be *introduced* without fear of US anti-trust action" a Department of Transport spokesman added.

Mr Richard Branson, president of Britain's low-cost airline Virgin Atlantic, who had earlier said the "predatory" £40 fare cuts proposed by major airlines this winter might drive him out of business and hinted at Laker-type action. "It all seems a little cosy that in a democracy President Reagan should be able to interfere with the courts in this way to help a *state-owned airline like British* Airways off the hook," he said.

The President's action came as a great relief to British Airways, which said yesterday *they were "most gratified"*, even though it does not protect them from huge damages if the Laker civil action succeeds. Such a possibility still casts a shadow over privatization of BA next spring.

Mr Christopher Morris, the Laker liquidator, said yesterday it appeared President Reagan's action "will have no effect on the civil proceedings which have been brought in the interests of Laker Airways' creditors and for no other reason".

But dropping the criminal action does remove the threat of possible imprisonment of British Airline officals in the US and impounding of assets if the Justice Department case had been carried to a successful conclusion.

While there is no direct connexion between the Justice Department's criminal action and Laker's civil action, dropping the former can hardly fail to indirectly affect the latter.

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First-day hitch for Telecom issue

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

The Government's great British Telecom share sale got off to a mixed start yesterday. The application forms were snapped up all over the country, except in *Ulster* where they failed to arrive on time.

Mainland banks and City stockbrokers reported the anticipated surge of first-day *demand for the share prospec*tus, but would-be investors in Northern Ireland were turned away empty-handed from banks and post offices.

Delays in the local distribution system were compounded by fog at Belfast Airport stopping the arrival of national newspapers, which also carried the British Telecom *prospectus for the first time* yesterday. The shortage of application forms is expected to have been corrected by today.

In London, the banks hand*ling the £3,900 million share* issue said there was strong demand for share forms all over the counry. By tea-time yesterday more than 1,000 people had already put in application forms, even though the closing date is not until next Wednesday.

The Government and its merchant bank adviser, Kleinwort Benson, are encouraging would-be investors not to leave their applications until the last minute by saying that no cheques would be cashed before the November 28 closing date. Officials are worried that there could be delays in processing the forms if they all arrive in a rush in the last 48 hours befor the offer closes.

With as many as two million people *expected* to apply for shares, the unprecedented size of the issue already poses considerable logistical problems for the six clearing banks where the main counting and processing of forms is due to take place.

Lloyds Bank announced yesterday that more than 1,000 of its staff will be working overtime to handle the anticipated flood of paperwork. It expects to create *100* permanent jobs at Worthing, Sussex, where British Telecom's share register will be kept.

The official British Telecom *share information office said* yesterday it had a number of complaints from people who objected to the commission their banks would receive. The official guidance is that people can deny their banks the commission if they want to by crossing out the bank's stamp on their form and initialling it.

There was healthy demand *for the prospectuses in the City* where most analysts expect the shares to start trading above the 130p per share offer price when stock market dealings in British Telecom begins on December 3.

● The Office of Telecommunications (Oftel), the new regulatory and consumer protection body, published 20,000 leaflets yesterday asking industry and the public for information about any alleged unfair trading practices being carried out by British Telecom.

Thatcher unrepentant on Belgrano

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister said yesterday that she would still have ordered the sinking of the General Belgrano on May 2, 1982 even if she had been told that the Argentine cruiser had reversed course and had been sailing *away from* the British task force for 11 hours.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in a letter to Mr Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP for Linlithgow: "No evidence has at any time become available to the Government which would make ministers change the judgment they reached on May 2 that the Belgrano posed a threat to the task force."

She told Mr George Foulkes, an Opposition spokesman, on September 19, that the fact that Belgrano had reversed course at 9 am on May 2 and had been sailing away from the task force for six hours had been reported to Northwood naval headquarters at 3.40 pm. The Belgrano was torpedoed by the submarine HMS Conquereor at 8 pm.

Mrs Thatcher said, however, that because of "clear and unequivocal indications available to the Government" that the Argentine Navy posed a real and direct threat, the cruiser's position and course were irrelevant.

She *told Mr Dalyell* yesterday: "That was why the report that the Belgrano had reversed course was not made known to ministers at the time." Mrs Thatcher was finally informed of Belgrano's course last March.

The fact that the Prime Minister stands by the war cabinet decision even in hindsight, raises a number of questions. Her letter underlines the strength of the intelligence on the intentions of the Argetine Navy – "clear and *unequivocal indications*".

Meanwhile, Lord Lewin, Admiral of the Fleet, yesterday tried to damp down the reaction caused by Monday's Commons disclosure by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, that Conqueror's signals log had been destroyed.

Lord Lewin said in a BBC radio interview: "All the documents relevant to the sinking of the Belgrano will be annexed to or referred to in the commanding officers' patrol report.

North Wales mine leaders end strike

● Pit leaders in North Wales abandoned the strike, putting psychological pressure on other coalfields

● The coal minister said miners were becoming disgusted with a *political strike* "*which relies on Libyan* paymasters and Soviet backing"

● The TUC general secretary accused the coal board of pushing and paying miners to go back. The strike will leave hatred "from primary school to the grave"

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Leaders of the North Wales pitmen yesterday became the first area of the National Union of Mineworkers formally to abandon the 37-week-old strike over colliery closures, and a further 940 men across the *industry joined the "drift back* to work".

Though statistically insignificant, it involves only two pits and 1,000 miners, the Welsh decision is likely to add to the psychological pressures on other coalfield union leaders desperately trying to staunch the haemhorraging of support for the strike.

Mr David Hunt, coal minister at the Department of Energy, said that increasing number of miners were "voting with their feet" by returning to work. "Deprived of their democratic right over a ballot, they have no alternative," he added.

"Mr Scargill's support is slipping away as increasing numbers of miners become *disgusted* with a *political strike* which relies on Libyan paymasters and Soviet backing. More than 63,000 NUM members are not on strike. More than 10,000 have returned to work over the last two and half weeks, rejecting this tragic, pointless, divisive strike."

The return to work was spread fairly evenly across the coalfields yesterday, with the exception of South Wales, where the strike is still almost totally solid.

More than 220 men went back in Yorkshire, bringing the number of working miners in the *heartland* of the conflict to 1,989, and almost 40 per cent of the 10,000 pitmen in the "barometer" coalfield of North Derbyshire have returned to *their jobs, according to the* National Coal Board.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, accused the Government, the coal board, the judiciary and the police of using the press and broadcasting organizations to attack and cripple the mineworkers' union. "The truth is that over 140,000 *miners remain* on strike and, despite the weight and savagery of the combined assault on our fight to save pits, jobs and mining communities, we will not be defeated," he insisted.

Transport union leaders last night promised fresh help to the miners in their campaign to halt coal imports, and Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, charged the coal board with "lunatic management" over its return to work strategy.

In a speech in Birmingham that did not touch on his earlier, controversial condemnation of violence on the picket lines that prompted South Wales miners to lower a noose in front of his face last week, Mr Willis argued *that the present tactics of the* coal board in encouraging miners to return might change the nature of the dispute but would not solve it.

"Pushing and paying people to go back will be a long-term disaster," he said. "I see the hatred being created and, inevitably as each and every miner goes back, that will last from before primary school to the grave. To go back underground with the labour force split every way seems to be lunertic management. Every miner that goes back means another problem, another degree of bitterness."

Coal board spokesman denied the charge, adding: "Mr Willis seems to be implying that the board is in some way forcing the men back to work but it is the men themselves who are deciding to go back and voting with their feet."

Miner killed

Striking miner John Gorman died yesterday after an earth collapse trapped him up to the neck as he dug for coal near his home. Mr Gorman, aged 38, of Milne Avenue, Auchinleck, Ayrshire, and fellow striker William McClelland were digging on an old railway embankment when it collapsed. Rescuers tried artificial respiration but he died shortly afterwards. Mr McClelland *was unhurt.*

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190 Poles defect from cruise ship

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

Almost a third of the 608 passengers on a Polish cruise ship defected to West Germany during a three-day stopover in Hamburg. The ship continued to Rotterdam, its final destination, *without them.*

About 192 passengers from the Stefan Batory failed to return when the ship sailed on Monday night, and West German authorities said 100 had already applied for political asylum, which Bonn is unlikely to grant on the grounds that they do not face political persecution at home. But it will not force them to return and they will be allowed to remain here on tolerance, as are other East European refugees.

Polish tourists frequently *seek asylum in West Germany*, mostly arriving on ferries from Poland. Last year, more then 700 came here in this way, 500 on one of the regular ferry boats to Lübeck. In December, 36 passengers failed to return to the Stefan Batory after it docked at Hamburg. But the latest defection is easily the largest of its kind.

About 600 Poles have applied for asylum in Hamburg this year. They are housed in cheap hotels or hostels at state expense

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Sharp drop in US growth

A sharp slowdown in the American economy has cut its growth rate to the lowest level for nearly two years. The US Commerce Department has revised its estimate for the third quarter of this year to an annual growth rate of only 1.9 per cent – lower than expected, and only about half the rate projected by the Reagan Administration's estimate for the coming year as a whole.

America's economic growth has slowed dramatically, from the boom rate of 10.1 per cent in the first quarter of this year followed by 6.8 per cent in the second quarter.

Yesterday's figures were reinforced by a 7.3 per cent fall in corporate profits, lower-than-expected comsumer spending and a rapid decline in balance of payments. High interest rates have hit the construction industry particularly hard.

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Dentist who earned £225,669 (gross)

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

One dentist was paid £225,669 gross earnings under the NHS general dental service last year and another 215 dentists were paid more than £100,000.

It is estimated that 60 per cent of a dentist's gross earnings go on practice expenses, which would reduce the top earners' £225,669 gross income to about £90,000 before tax.

Sir Gordon Downey, the Controller and Auditor General, yestrday complained that the £457m service was open to the accusation that it provided "little incentive to dentists to concentrate more on prevention rather than treatment of disease . . . and that they place emphasis on quantity rather than quality of dental work".

While there had been a 40 per cent fall in the number of extractions over the last decade, the annual rate of fillings *had remained at the 33 million* level, and there had been a threefold increase in the number of crowns to 1,785,000 at a cost of nearly £100m in Britain *last year.*

The National Audit Office report also questioned the basis of calculating fees, "which might be overgenerous". It also questioned the Government's decision not to recover over payments of £29m made to dentists in the three years up to 1978-79, and the "adequacy and effective operation" of checks on dentists' estimates and claims.

GROSS EARNINGS OF DENTAL PRINCIPALS 1983

Below £20,000	2,015
£20,000-£39,999	4,238
£40,000-£59,999	4,663
£60,000-£79,999	1,688
£80,000-£99,999	462
£100,000 and over	216
Total number	13,282

Dentists' average gross earnings in the last financial year are put at £43,197, which, after deduction of practice expenses for staff, premises, equipment and laboratory work came to an average £17,146 before tax. Many dentists also receive additional income from private practice.

But Sir Gordon reported that there were wide variations in the published prices for the £100m worth of laboratory supplies charged to the dental service and that officials were unable to assess "the reasonableness of the prices paid by *dentist*."

He said that the Dental Estimates Board's computer system, used to check claims and expenses, was almost obsolete and was becoming seriously overloaded. "Its capacity limits possible checks on the compatibility and credibility of dentists' claims."

The report also noted that special investigation of high earners was currently confined to those "achieving gross income levels equivalent to more than £120,000 per annum".

Chemical spill cloud puts 11 in hospital

A West Yorkshire village of 7,000 people was cordoned off by police last night after a vapour cloud from a chemical leakage drifted into shops and homes.

More than 25 people were overcome by poisonous fumes and taken to Huddersfield Royal Infirmary after a tanker spilled ferric chloride and sodium hypochlorite outside a factory in Slaithwaite. The escaping chemicals reacted with the air to form a thick yellow cloud.

Eleven people were kept in hospital. *Firemen dispersed the* cloud with sprays.

Edwardes says managers in Britain are cowardly and devious

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Swingeing critism of the standard of British management, ranging from accusations of cowardice and complacency to inbreeding and deviousness, came yesterday from Sir Michael Edwardes, the new chairman of Dunlop and former head of BL.

In a remarkable attack, probably one of the most outspoken tirades against management to come from within its own ranks, Sir Michael said that because of poor managers it was possible that time had run out for Britain's industrial recovery.

"I'm more pessimistic about British management now than I was two years ago. I get the feeling that people are neither frank nor outspoken, that they do things in a tortuous, devious way instead of facing up to the real issues.

"I have great sympathy for union leaders. They see a company getting into deep trouble and they apparently oppose any action to put things right. But all the time they are hoping like hell that management will be strong enough to grasp the nettle. But it doesn't happen."

Sir Michael, whose remarks appear in the magazine *Chief Executive*, said there was "more cowardice around than I've known in the 18 years I've been in Britain. The amount of compromise is frightening. So is the extent to which managers fudge failures and lack of performance."

Sir Michael, who became chairman of ICL after saving BL, took over at the ailing Dunlop Holdings less than two weeks ago. In that time he has instituted a wide-ranging boardroom shake-out. Four directors have been dismissed seven have resigned, the auditors were dismissed after a 50-year association with the company and the merchant bank advisers resigned.

In the article, he said that companies needed crisp and sharp leadership rather than to wallow in consensus.

It seemed to be part of the British character to act without the knowledge of whether people were suited for jobs before appointments were made. "We put government ministers in enormously powerful positions, yet nobody tries to measure their intellignece, leadership, drive or any other damn thing.

Industry would not be improved until management was stengthened. The first requirement was that managers should be told what was expected of them, followed by encouragement to take risks. "The British attitude is that the most terrible thing is to make a mistake. It is by not making mistakes that you hang on to your job."

Sir Michael added: "One of our problems in the UK is our lack of prosperity. We pay managers so badly that they can never save enough money to give them a sense of security when faced with a risky decision. So thay play safe."

Mr Roy Close, director general of the British Institute of Management, said later that there could be little arguement with Sir Michael's remarks but in swiftly changing business circumstances different management syles should be encouraged.

Pickets waiting to search lorries outside Ford's Dagenham plant yesterday. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Women machinists halt Ford supplies

By Patricia Clough and Barrie Clement

"Any seat covers? Any fabrics?" Lorry drivers entering the Ford plant at Dagenham, Essex, are waylaid by women in woolly hats and warm boots.

A cursory inspection, a bit of banter, and drivers with the offending goods obediently turn back.

Fired by hot soup from thermos flasks and indignation from 16 years of frustrated claims, Dagenhams women machinists have taken to picketing the plant as part of a strike that has already cost the company £37m at showroom prices.

Production lines at both Dagenham and Halewood on Merseyside have been stopped by the company's 270 machinists since the end of last week, resulting in the loss of 6,800 vehicles and the lay-off of nearly 10,000 workers. Last night there were no immediate prospects of talks.

The machinists, who make seat covers and headrests, have voted to take more indefinite action in pursuit of a claim for *regrading*.

The Transport and General Workers' Union has been seeking meetings with the company, but Ford says no pay grievances can be discussed until the next pay round.

The strikers say their job is sufficiently skilled to entitle them to Ford's grade C rates, worth £127.18 a week, plus £7.97 attendance bonus. Their present B grade gives them £121.33 plus £7.60. The women have lodged an appeal against an industrial tribunal finding that their work was not of equal value to similar functions carried out by men.

The pickets at Dagenham yesterday emphasized that making seat and headrest covers is a tricky job.

"Two years ago they promised us that our skill would be recognized and like lambs we believed them" leaflets thrust into the hands of anyone interested say.

Did not Mr Rex Sparling, a management representative, tell the Euston industrial tribunal that their work could be done by a load of bananas, and even his wife could do it? No, Mr Sparling insists. Yes, Ms Pamela Parker, who was there replies.

Mrs Teresa Taylor said the women were picketing round the clock to prevent substitute covers arriving from the continent.

Some management sources believe it is up to the union to persuade their members to abide by the normal negotiating procedures and that the dispute could therefore continue for at least another week.

AUEW to ballot members on state cash

Britain's second-largest union yesterday broke ranks with the rest of the labour movement and decided to ballot its members on whether to accept state aid for election of officials.

Mr Terry Duffy, moderate president of the million-strong Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW), said the move would save the union about £500,000 a year.

The decision was taken by five votes to three of the Union's executive. Mr Duffy ruled that the usual nine to six majority should not apply and that a simple majority would suffice.

The move will attract universal opprobrium from the rest of the movement except for the Electrical, Electronics Telecommunications and *Plumbing* Union (EETPU) – with a right-wing leadership – which had already made a policy decision to accept government money.

The AEUW now spends about £500,000 a year on electing its officials and, as payments can be retrospective, stands to receive about £1m from the Government for ballots held since 1980.

Earl's divorce case postponed

A £1m divorce case involving Lord Cassillis, heir to an estimated £25m family fortune, and his wife, Lady Cassillis, was postponed at the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday.

It will be heard some time next year because two women cited were not told until last weekend of their involvement in the case. The judge ruled they had not been given enough time to seek advice and legal aid.

Fire damages siege bureau

Fire yesterday damaged the former Libyan People's Bureau building in St James's Square, London, scene of last April's 10-day siege.

The London Fire Brigade said there was nothing suspicious about the fire, which investigators said may have been caused by faulty electrical equipment. Firemen had to break into the building, left empty after the siege.

Secret trial

Eight Servicemen were *committed for* trial to the Central Criminal Court yesterday after a four-week hearing, most of it held in private. The offences are alleged to have taken place while the three soldiers and five airmen were working for 9 Signal Regiment on Cyprus.

Mars bar safe

Scotland Yard yesterday confirmed that an allegedly contaminated Mars bar was safe. The Animal Liberation Front had claimed to have *tampered with a large number* of Mars bars in protest at the company's use of monkeys in dental experiments.

Two suspended

Detective Constable Richard Chapman and Detective Sergeant Kenneth Day of Scotland Yard Flying Squad have been suspended from duty pending investigation of allegations on Granada TV's *World in Action* programme that they forced a man to organize an armed robbery to entrap a suspect.

Royal visit

The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday visited Mr Norman Tebbit and his wife in Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire, where they are recovering from their Brighton bomb injuries.

Licence plea

The BBC has lodged its application for increased television licence fees from next April with the Home Office. It is thought to be seeking a colour fee of between £60 and £70.

Narrow interest

A house in Goldhawk Road, Sheperds Bush, which at just 6ft is reputed to be the narrowest building in London, was sold for £33,000 at auction yesterday.

Murder charge

Patrick Joseph Reilly, aged 23, of Anson Road, Tufnell Park London was charged yesterday at South Western Magistrates Court, Brixton, with the murder of Leonie Darnley, aged seven and remanded in custody until November 29.

Ulster politicians urged to meet

By Philip Webster and Richard Ford

Political parties in Northern Ireland are to be urged to search again for common ground on administration for the province, in the aftermath of the Anglo-Irish summit. Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary for State for Northern Ireland, is to have a series of meetings with local *politicians*.

The Prime Minister reiterated in the Commons yesterday, in response to critics of the outcome of the summit, her desire to find a new political framework acceptable to the majority and minority communities in the province.

But she gave a warning that the opportunity for advance would be missed if Ulster political parties did not attempt to reach more acceptable arrangements. "That will be missing an opportunity but that is not in my hands", she said.

After a statement on the Chequers summit with Dr Garret FitzGerald, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, Mrs Margaret Thatcher was criticized by opposition MPs, including Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Leader, for its failure to produce tangible proposals.

But she was most visibly wounded by the intervention of Mr John Hume, MP for Foyle and leader of the Social and Democratic Labour Party.

Mr Hume said that Mrs Thatcher's remarks at the press conference after the summit, when she rejected all three main proposals of the New Ireland Forum, had caused deep and justifiable anger and contributed little to the objective of peace and stability, and he accused her of "paralyzing" *progress*.

Mrs Thatcher said that she had hoped for the possibility of more cooperation but what Mr Hume said did not give her much hope.

In Whitehall it is already being said that firm proposals are unlikely to emerge from the next summit early next year.

Mr Hurd has already begun a second round of exploratory talks with leaders and last night met the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, at Westminster.

Although many people believe that the likelihood of agreement between the parties is as distant as ever, a growing number of Unionist politicians is urging the SDLP to switch its gaze from Dublin.

Before leaving for Westminister Mr Paisley urged the SDLP to take their seats in the Northern Ireland Assembly and realize the only way forward was to talk with politicians from the province.

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Glenholmes denies bomb link

By a Staff Reporter

Detectives last night poured into the Tallaght district of Dublin after Miss Evelyn Glenholmes, aged 26, who is wanted for questioning by Scotland Yard in connexion with IRA bomb attacks in London in 1981, gave a secret interview to journalists at a house in the area.

Miss Glenholmes fled from a house in Dundalk, county Louth, three days before she was named in *The Sunday Times* as a suspect bomber.

Suspicious that the man, who had a tape recorder, was a member of the Special Air Service Regiment, she went to Dublin, where she has been in hiding with friends.

Miss Glenholmes now believes the man, who made the inquiries in the border town where she had been living for 14 months, was a reporter.

Mr Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, last night noted that Miss Glenholmes had said that she went into hiding on November 8, three days before the paper printed the report. Accusations that the report on November 11 had alerted her that Scotland Yard was after her was outrageous, he said.

The first contact the paper made with Dundalk was on November 10, the day before publication and two days after she had left town.

Scotland Yard has sent nine warrants to Dublin for the arrest and extradition of Miss Glenholmes. But in the meeting with the reporters she protested her innocence concerning every allegation.

Miss Glenholmes' emergence before two journalsits was apparently timed to coincide with the ending of the Anglo-Irish summit and to cause embarrassment to both the Irish Government and the police.

Claiming that she had not been in England since she was nine years old, Miss Glenholmes denied she was a member of the *Provisional IRA*. "I am totally innocent. I totally repudiate all charges that the British media, who have already tried me, have made made against me."

Miss Glenholmes said that in 1981, the year of the bombings, she was living and working in west Belfast

Man held nearly three years without trial

From a Staff Reporter

A man who has spent two years and 10 months in prison on remand had his plea for bail rejected by Northern Ireland's Lord Chief Justice yesterday.

Thomas Power, aged 31, has served the equivalent in Northern Ireland of a five-year prison sentence and by the time he is tried on a murder charge is expected to have served the same as an eight-year sentence without having being found guilty.

He has been in custody since February, 1982, on the word of five informers, of whom three have retracted their statements. The evidence of the fourth was rejected by a judge at Belfast Crown Court.

Mr Power, whose presentation of his own case was described by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lowry as "excellent", argued he should be released because of exceptional circumstances. He wanted bail because of the length of time he had been in custody.

But *Lord* Lowry, who heard the case at Belfast High Court, rejected the application saying he could not be certain Mr Power would turn up for trial.

Mr Power is charged with the murder of a policeman in Belfast in 1981, membership of the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army and three other offences.

Walker on 'state duty' to find jobs

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

A call for a new acceptance by the Government of its obligations to the unemployed and for a new effort to promote employment was made from within the ranks of the Cabinet yesterday by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy.

Giving the first Harold Macmillan lecture, and using the former Prime Minister's language, Mr Walker rejected the view sometimes heard from his colleagues that the causes of unemployment lay beyond the power of a government to solve, a view which was dismissed by Macmillan in the 1930s as "economic Calvinism".

He endorsed, by quoting words written in the 1930s by Mr Macmillan, now Lord Stockton, in his book *The Middle Way*: "It is within the power of men to arrange the full employment of their efforts to increase the production of wealth. Society has not the right to abandon the individual because, as a result of faulty organization, the labour which he is still willing to expend cannot temporarily be utilized."

In his own words Mr Walker spoke urgently of the spectre of high unemployment, which had returned to many parts of Britian. The labour exchange had become the job centre and national assistance had become supplementary benefit. The dole was better than anybody could have dreamed in the 1930s. "But the social waste is still the same, the human *debilitation just as bad*, the affront to dignity just as tragic as in the 1930s."

In some ways, Mr Walker said in London the dangers to social cohesion were even greater. Some of Britain's blackest unemployment was where the British were black. "A generation of black youngsters is growing up, most of whom have never known work. What problems we are storing up for the future."

Mr Walker, as national president of Young Conservatives, was asked to give the inaugural lecture established in the name of Lord Stockton, who is the Young Conservatives' life patron.

Court battle set as Austin men go back

By Clifford Webb

The 16-day strike in Austin Rover car factories collapsed yesterday when mass meetings at two Cowley plants voted overwhelmingly to return to work.

Workers at Longbridge, the only plant still on strike, are expected to acknowledge their isolation and vote to return at a mass meeting today.

In spite of the notable victory for a determined management, Mr Harold Musgrove, Austin Rover chairman, said last night that he *still* intends to press ahead with the High Court hearing set for Monday against the transport union, the only one to declare the strike official and defy the High Court order that it should call off the strike pending a secret ballot.

Mr Musgrove told *The Times*: "I did not resort to the courts lightly. We shall continue with the action because of the considerable amount of damage done to this company

"I believe that the evidence shows conclusively that some of the mass meetings which supposedly called for a strike were rigged and I owe it to the majority of our employees to do something about that. They are clearly being led into strikes they do not want. Secret ballots are the only fair way of deciding such crucial issues as a man's livelihood."

Workers have been crossing picket lines in increasing numbers since the strike began on November 5. By Monday night 15,000 of the 28,000 workers were back at their benches.

But the breakthrough came yesterday when mass meetings of more than 7,000 employees at the Cowley body and assembly plants defied their shop stewards and voted overwhelmingly to return last night.

About 5,200 Longbridge workers, more than half the plant's labour force, crossed picket lines yesterday, but Mr Jack Adams, the plant's union convener, refused to say if he would recommend calling off the strike at the mass meeting planned for today.

Musgrove: new hard man of the car industry

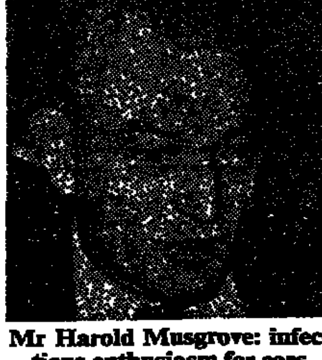
By Clifford Webb

Mr Malcolm Musgrove, chairman of Austin Rover, is fast replacing Sir Michael Edwardes as the hard man of the British motor industry. His decision to use the law to force national union leaders to adopt a more responsible attitude to unofficial strikes was made in the face of dire warnings of the consequences.

The most serious, he was told, would be the closure of private lines to union headquarters which he had used with some success in the past to curb the worst excesses of militant shop stewards.

But this former Birmingham Grammar School pupil and Longbridge apprentice who is now 54, has faced the wrath of the unions before

Yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the dismissal of Mr Derek "Red Robbo" Robinson, the single most powerful shop steward in Britain. Mr Musgrove made the original recommendation that he should be dismissed



Mr Harold Musgrove: infectious enthusiasm for cars

He was the union convener at Longbridge and chairman of the unofficial British Leyland Combined Shop Stewards Committee, which claimed to represent 100,000 car workers.

Mr Musgrove's biggest asset, which welds his management team into one of the most close knit and loyal in the industry, is his infectious enthusiasm for cars.

Power cuts warning by GLC

By Hugh Clayton Local Government Correspondent

The Greater London Council said yesterday that there would be power cuts in January unless the Government became much more aggressive about moving coal stocks to power stations. The Labour-led council spent more than £1,500 on a report prepared by its industry and employment branch.

"The prospects for electricity consumers are determined not just by the levels of coal stocks, but by where those coal stocks are," Mr Michael Ward, chairman of the council's industry and employment committee, said at County Hall yesterday.

"It is useless having stockpiles of coal if they are not where they can be burnt. If there is no change, stocks outside the Midlands will be exhausted by January."

Mr Ward predicted that consumers would have to pay more, whatever happened to stocks. Council staff had calculated that if the whole cost of the strike was thrown on to consumers in one year, the average household bill in London would go up by 15 per cent, or £31.

● The National Coal Board recorded a total of 940 miners returning to work yesterday, but a fault in their telephone reporting system resulted in incomplete regional figures. Those available were: Scotland, 140; North-east, 260; North Yorkshire, 47; South Yorkshire, 130; Doncaster, 21; Barnsley, 31; Western, 90; South Wales, 17; North Derbyshire, 145; South Midlands (incl Kent), 20; Coal products plants, 25.

Pledge to hold gas prices

Gas price increases should be held in line with the rate of inflation for the next three or four years, Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of the British Gas Corporation, told MPs yesterday.

Although the cost of obtaining supplies from North Sea fields was increasing at about 10 per cent – double the inflation rate – that would be offset by savings in "non-gas costs", he told the House of Commons Energy Select Committee.

Italian viola sets record at £129,600

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

An Italian viola made by Giovanni Paolo Maggini of Brescia about 1600 was sold at Christie's yeterday for £129,600, topping all previous auction prices for a viola. It is the kind of price normally reserved for Stradivarius, but the viola predates him and experts describe its sound as a revelation of what had been achieved before his day. It appears to be the only instrument of the early Brescian school to have survived unaltered in superb condition.

Antonio Stradivari was also represented in Christie's sale with a violin which has belonged to the nineteenth century collector Oscar Mez and sold for £167,400 (unpublished estimate £80,000-£100,000) and sold to J. & A. Beare, the London dealers. It is thought to date from about 1730 and has survived in very good condition, another splendid playing instrument. The musical instrument sale totalled £466,280 with 9 per cent unsold.

Christie's also scored a new auction price record for the insignia of a British order, when "the most exalted Order of the Star of India" sold for £32,400 (estimate £22,000-£25,000) to Spink and Son.

Owen softens line on Alliance candidates

Alliance leaders Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen last night agreed on a package of measures to increase cooperation between their parties and spearhead their campaign for the next election.

They are to set up a joint leaders' office well before the election, and plan to appear together more often. Dr Owen also seems to have shifted some ground in his strong opposition to joint selection of parliamentary candidates by Alliance constituency parties.

The decisions came after a meeting last night of the influential *joint* leaders advisory group at Westminster.

Dr Owen appears have have been convinced that joint selection should be allowed where there is strong pressure for it from the grassroots of both parties.

He was opposed to the process, and made it clear that he would agree to it only in exceptional circumstances.

In a joint statement, the two leaders say: "joint selection may be undertaken in exceptional circumstances, where helpful and appropriate, as was done in the European elections, but cannot be widespread."

The two leaders hope that yesterday's meeting will help them get away from controversy over *internal mechanisms*, and take the Alliance message to the electorate.

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Flying Squad threatened by revamp at the Yard

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard yesterday unveiled plans for a radical reorganization of London's police which would cut 40 senior posts and reduce the thousands of headquarters staff.

The plan could mean the demise of the famous Flying Squad. It and other specialist groups, including traffic, dogs, and mounted police, could be moved from the Yard to the control of local police commanders.

Announcing the plan, which is understood to be warmly supported by the Home Office, Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said it meant policing decisions would be taken closer to local people "rather than at Scotland Yard, which is remote from local feeling".

He said the plan was needed because the London force lacked "a shared purpose"; spent too much energy on organization and not enough on serving the public; roles were overlapping, and the Yard was too large and powerful. It accounts for 19 per cent of the 27,000 officers in the Metropolitan Police.

Once the plan is realized, in two years, the Yard would be streamlined so that a single section dealt with policy on policing areas of London while a second covered specialist policing such as the Special Branch, Drugs Squad, Serious Crimes Squad, Anti-Terrorist Squad, Royalty and Diplomatic Protection Groups and national functions such as the Interpol link.

Two other sections would cover personnel, training and management services. The Yard would retain its internal inspectorate.

The plan is likely to meet internal opposition, including among middle-ranking officers, where job cuts are to be made. Natural wastage will remove 20 of the 56 commanders and 20 of the 207 chief superintendents.

The plan will split London into eight police areas instead of the present four. One area will consist entirely of the City of Westminster, which has special policing problems ranging from the security of Parliament to public order

Each area will have about 3,000 men under the command of a deputy assistant commissioner. Sir Kenneth said the shape of the areas, which in most cases stretch from the inner city to suburb, had been based on many factors.

At present London, below area organization, is split into 24 districts, headed by commanders, which in turn divide into 75 divisions. In future the layer of districts will be removed so that command will run from the deputy assistant commissioner and his deputy, a commander, straight down to the chief superintendents.

Vegetarian 'nonsense'

Claims by vegetarian and vegans that there would be more food for the world's hungry if everyone gave up eating meat were totally erroneous, Dr David Bellmay, the naturalist and broadcaster, said in London.

Vast areas of land, such as the steppes of central Asia, and savannahs of South America and the veldts of Africa should never be used for growing anything except grass. By the same token it was nonsense to transport grain and other feedstuffs half way round the world to feed intensively raised livestock in Europe.

Dr Bellamy was speaking at the opening of a confrence to launch the British Veterinary Association - Animal Welfare Foundation, which is appealing for £1m for a public education campaign.

He said that hunting, shooting and fishing kept large areas of upland Britain economically viable, and grouse, partridge and pheasant would no longer exist without management. Zoos also offered the only hope of saving other threatened species.

Teachers' despair over children of five who cannot tie shoelaces

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Children starting school at the age of five are unable to string words together to form sentences, MPs were told yesterday. Many cannot go to the lavatory unaided, or tie their shoe laces or get dressed.

Mrs Heather Ryan, a primary *school teacher in Scunthorpe*, Humberside, told the House of Commons Select Committee on Education that 12 children out of her class of 22 were not able to put words together.

She said she had to spend a lot of time teaching them how to go to the lavatory by themselves, how to wash their hands or put on an item of clothing.

"It took me three-quarters of an hour to prepare for a physical education lesson which lasted 20 minutes, and three-quarters of an hour after that to get ready again. This is ridiculous. I was not trained to do that."

Mrs Ryan was giving evidence on behalf of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association which has 90,000 members, of whom 8,000 teach in primary and middle schools.

Mrs Evelyn Whaley, a teacher at Annsford First School in North Tyneside, said that many women thought they were better mothers if they buttoned up their children's clothes and shoes for them.

"They coddle their children and do not realize they are doing them a disservice", she said. "They think they are being good caring mothers. Parents need educating."

Mr Jim Mulcahy, teacher from Billingham primary school in Lincoln, gave an example of why children were not learning at home. A pupil put his foot in the air and said "shoe". The message he wanted to convey was that he wanted his shoelace tied, but at home he was not learning that. Nor was he learning language.

The committee, chaired by Sir William van Straubenzee, Conservative MP for Wokingham, was surprised by the details.

● Mr Robert Key, Conservative MP for Salisbury, suggested that primary school pupils should be taught about the hazards involved in alcohol, solvents, tobacco and drugs.

One local education authority had those on the primary curriculum and he said he was talking to his own authority, Wiltshire, about it.



Winter visitor: The Sir Arthur Gouge, a Short Sunderland flying boat built in Belfast in 1944, landing on the Medway yesterday on her way to a sheltered berth at Chatham dockyard. The flying boat has been moored at Calshot, near Southampton, but, to remain in good condition during winter, has to be under cover

Hundreds of people turned out to see her arrive on the Medway where she may remain as a tourist attraction and memorial to the work of Short Brothers, the company which designed and built Sunderlands in Rochester

Mr Malcolm Moulton, vice-president of the Medway branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society, one of those who arranged the scheme, said he was delighted at the flying boat's arrival. (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Comedian's widow clear in drink drive case

Two drink driving charges were dropped against Mrs Gwen Cooper, the widow of comedian Tommy Cooper, when she appeared at Acton Magistrates Court yesterday.

Mrs Cooper, aged 63, admitted driving without due care and attention, but charges of driving with excess alcohol in her blood and driving while unfit through drink, were dropped when Mr John Hillen, for the prosecution, offered no evidence.

Mrs Cooper was fined £100 for careless driving.

The accident happened outside Mrs Cooper's home in Chiswick, west London four months after her husband's death.

Mr Hillen said Mrs Cooper was trying to reverse her Mercedes car from a tight parking position when she hit an Austin Allegro parked behind. She struck the Allegro a *second time* and then reversed her own car into a tree.

The Mercedes was a write-off and the other car extensively damaged, the court was told.

Mr Lawrence Kershen, for the defence, said that on the day of the accident Mrs Cooper was still experiencing a profound sense of loss and grief. Added to that, a firm of auctioneers had come to the home to remove her late husband's treasured stage props.

"They represented her husband's work and represented their life together", Mr Kershen said.

"*She had helped to build* many of the props and knew what each one was for. As her husband's working tools were being carried past her living room window she became more and more distraught.

Mr Kershen said Mrs Cooper had lunch after the auctioneers *left and took a couple of drinks* "but not such to put her over the limit".

Terror campaign of the spurned rector

An Anglican clergyman who admitted cutting the car brake pipes of a woman with whom he was "desperately in love" to *punish her* when she ended a five-year relationship, was put on probation for two years at Lewes Crown Court, East Sussex, yesterday.

The Rev Peter Renouf, aged 54, Rector of Farnborough, Hampshire, admitted two charges of causing damage to a car brakes with intent to endanger the life of Mrs Judith Beatt, aged 44, a speech therapist, of Whyke Road, Chichester, West Sussex.

He also admitted entering Mrs Beatt's garage and stealing a warranty book, and asked for two other theft offences to be taken into consideration. As a condition of probation, Mr Justice Stocker ordered Mr Renouf to continue psychiatric treatment he has been receiving at a London clinic.

Mr Richard Brown, for the prosecution, said Rev Renouf, who is married with four children, had conducted a frightening three-month campaign against Mrs Beatt when she refused to see him any more.

He twice tampered with the brakes of her car, let down the rear tyres, made anonymous calls to her home and sent cryptic, unsigned notes and a newspaper with articles about car crashes and devil worship ringed.

The police chased and arrested him after Mrs Beatt heard a noise in her garden.

Renouf later told the police that his actions were "the products of stress, anxiety and terror".

"I am desperately in love with her, and I was devasted by her refusal to see me any more", he said.

The two first met through a church organization called *Clinical Theologists. Renouf* discovered he had been at Cambridge with her husband and the families became friends.

Renouf's wife, Jennifer, who is crippled with polio, told the court: "He is slowly realising the enormity of what he has done. My support for him will continue."

Peter Renouf: Cut car brakes of woman he loved.

Reform call on building societies

By Our Commercial Editor

Wide-ranging statutory safeguards to ensure that building societies do not abuse their market power as they extend the scope of their services were called for yesterday by Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading.

Calling for a new building *societies Act, he said*: "Because of the evident dangers of societies acting anti-competitively and because of the conflicts of interest that could arise if the societies provide a wider range of services a number of rules need to be spelt out."

While societies are competing more strongly with banking style services, the Building Societies Association has recommended that societies should be allowed to do a number of things precluded by the Building Societies Act. The societies want to provide a one-stop service covering insurance, surveying and conveyancing. A green paper, which is discussion, has broadly welcomed the proposals.

Sir Gordon, who was speaking in London to the City branch of the Institute of Public Relations, said that building societies must not make the grant of a loan contingent on the use of their other services.

Since the effectiveness of competition depends on adequate information being made available to customers, especially on prices and charges, I would expect to see the various services provided by building societies being seperately and transparently priced so that costomer can compare the cost of using the services of a building society with the charges of an independent surveyou, solicitor or insurance broker."

Sir Gordon drew attention to the "unusual contractual right" of a society to put up rates to borrowers at any time when it wa not easy for an existing borrower to pay off the loan and raise a mortgage elsewhere. "Perhaps the new building societies Act ought explicitly to allow this to happen without penalty."

Doctors guilty of signing blank prescriptions

Doctors could be guilty of misconduct by issuing signed blank prescription forms for their receptionists to fill in, the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

Three doctors found guilty of serious professional misconduct told the council's professional conduct committee that they followed the prescription policies operating when they joined their practice near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Dr Amrit Khanna, of Southgate Road, Dr Johananda Baruah, of Eastlands Lane, Old Church, and Dr Harbhajan Singh, of Southgate Road, all in Warsop, are in practice at a health centre in Church Street, Warsop. They admitted regularly issuing prescriptions between 1974 and 1982 and delegating the work of a registered doctor to people without the appropriate knowledge and skill.

Dr Singh said: "I have come across pre-signed prescriptions before. It is faily common." He now realized it was "very dangerous".

The committee postponed for a year any action against the doctors.

Abortion increase after Pill linked to cancer

Abortions in England and Wales rose by more than 1,400 after reports last October linking long-term use of the contraceptive pill to breast and cervical cancer. The reports, which were unconfirmed by some later studies, led the Committee on Safety of Medicines to advise women to take the pill with the lowest hormone content.

But figures published by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys yesterday suggest that some women ignored advice not to stop taking the pill before seeing their doctors, and became pregnant.

Abortions on women resident in England and Wales in the first quarter of this year, three to five months after the reports were published, rose by 1,157 to 34,914, up 3.4 per cent on the same period in 1983.

The biggest increases came in the age groups where the pill is most popular, with abortions in the 20 to 24 age group rising by more than 8.4 per cent, up 858 to 10,114. There were smaller increases of 300 in the 16 to 19 age group and of 268 in women aged 25 to 29. Abortions in all other age groups, including girls aged under 16, fell, the figures show.

Tour operator aims at one-parent families

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Britain's one million single parents and their 1,700,000 children are the target of a package holidays sales drive by Global, the tour operator subsidiary of Great Universal Stores. It claims to be the first of the big operators to mount a concerted drive for this emerging market.

A separate brochure for single parents was launched yesterday by Global, offering about 30,000 holidays, all with child reductions running throughout the 1985 summer season. Reductions for children are common by many tour operators but usually there is the condition that two adults go on the holiday.

It will mean not only competitive pricing for single parent families but will offer a chance of meeting like-minded people, Mr Tony Le Masurier, Global's marketing director, said. He added: "Although price *is a very relevant consideration* we know that companionship and the opportunity to mix with others in a similar situation is equally important."

Global will aim at providing minimum number "social groups" for the single-parent families at holiday hotels. If fewer than a half dozen such families have booked a particu*lar holiday they will be offered* the chance of a change to another holiday

● A £100m expansion programme to cope with booming traffic across the Channel was announced by Townsend Thoresen, the leading cross-Channel car ferry operators, yesterday (Our Transport Editor writes).

It includes an operation to lift the superstructure of four existing Townsend Thoresen ferries and insert a complete new deck for cars, coaches and lorries. The £30m conversion will be carried out in Germany from next June as no British yard has the necessary heavy-lift equipment to do the work.

Warning of risk to children by VAT on shoes

The imposition of Value-Added tax on children's shoes would lead to 1,800 job losses and cause a serious increase in deformed feet in future years, the footwear industry said yesterday.

An all-party group of MPs hopes to see Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, after widespread reports that he is considering extending the tax to childrens footwear.

Foot health specialists, shoe manufacturers and fitters held a press conference in the House of Commons and gave warning of the potential damage to industry and the cost to the health service if their warnings are ignored. The Treasury has estimated that imposing the tax would raise £50m a year but the trade says it would be only £32m.

Car phone rivals for BT

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Competition is developing for the new type of car telephones and portable pocket phones made possible by the development of cellular radio technology.

An indication of the battle for this new market came yesterday in an announcement of agreement between the Automobile Association and Racal to provide a service from next year. The AA-Racal system will be competing with one being developed by British Telecom and Securicor.

The AA-Racal system, using a method called Vodafone devised by L. M. Ericsson of Sweden, allows 700 subscribers to operate in each of its radio cell areas. That should be expanded to 1,500 subscribers a cell if demanded.

The British Telecom-Securicor Cellular Radio system starts a London-wide network, called Cellnet, in January.



UK sued over import labels

From Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, Luxembourg

The Government was accused yesterday, of breaching EEC laws by insisting that certain goods, such as footwear, clothes and cutlery, be marked with their country of origin.

After complaints from other European countries, namely West Germany, France and the Irish Republic, the European *Commission is suing* the Government on the ground that its regulations prohibit free trade and put importers of those goods at a disadvantage.

The case, with wide implications for consumer rights, is being heard by the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. *The Commission* is contesting the legality under article 30 of the EEC treaty of a statutory instrument which came into force in January, 1982. Under it, labels of the country of manufacture must be attached to four groups of goods: *clothing and* textiles, domestic electrical appliances, footwear and cutlery.

Mr Richard Wainwright, for the Commission told the 11 judges that the Commission regarded the United Kingdom order as "a disease which has to be contained and stamped out wherever it appears".

"The Commission's view is that it would be extremely dangerous if origin marking were to spread to other sectors and other countries."

It would pose enormous difficulties in the case, for instance, of motor vehicles where different components were manufactured in differrent countries and "goes right against the view of the Common Market".

The order applied to all goods, but was really aimed at *imports, Mr Wainwright said.*

Putting the Government's case, Mr Robin Auld, QC, said that consumers had a right to know a product's country of origin. The four categories of goods were those that opinion polls, conducted before the order was brought in, indicated *that the public* was most concerned to know where products were made.

They did not represent markets that the Government wanted to protect; they would include for instance, Italian shoes, French clothes, and German electrical appliances which arguably had just a strong markets in Britain as home products.

The court's decision is expected next Easter.

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Scargill intransigence costs 30,000 jobs

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A total of 30,000 workers in other industries had lost their jobs through the miners' strike and the intransigence of Mr Arthur Scargill, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, stated in the Commons when questioned about the side effects of the dispute. Some 10,000 of these were in ancillary industries and another 20,000 in associated industries, he added.

He considered that if they could get an end to this "extremely damaging" dispute then along with the fall in interest rates there would be an encouraging prospect for further jobs.

Questioned on the jobless situation, Mr King said the latest figures showed the number of unemployed claimants in the UK on October 11 totalled 3,225,000.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) commented: If the fiddled figures are added on, there are more than four million people struggling in the dole queue.

Is it not obscene that, at a time when there are all those people without a job, there are more than 350 MPs – mostly Tories, SDP and Liberals – doing moonlighting jobs on the side?

If workers can be put in legal straitjackets, it is high time there was a law passed to insist MPs only have one job apiece?

Mr King: I am never quite sure what people are trying to prove by arguing about the particular level of the figures. Whether it is four million or 3,225,000, the present level of unemployment is far too high.

Our concern is to ensure that we create the maximum number of new jobs. He will have been pleased to see that last week I announced for the first time for some months that we recorded an increase in the numbers employed in manufacturing industry which in September increased by 13,000.

I know every MP will share with me satisfaction at the increased number of people going back to work in Balsover. I am pleased to say 1,785 of his constituents are crossing picket lines.

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C): Is any study being made into the number of people rendered unemployed by striking, either by themselves or by others? Is that number not significant?

Mr King: Two factors have led to disappointments: the rise in interest rates; and these are now 2¾ per cent below where they were in July, and the effect of the miners' strike.

The latest figures I have for the impact of the miners' strike – and this was a dispute about 20,000 miners' jobs originally – is that in the ancillary industries directly 10,000 people have lost their jobs as a result of the strike and another 20,000 in associated industries. That has been the effect on unemployment.

Mr John Brown (Winchester, C): Will he confirm that in the past year over 250,000 people are now in jobs created within the British economy? As the world economy has been in such a state of recession, does this not reflect very well on the enterprise policies of the Government?

Mr King: We are the only country in Europe which has had a significant increase in jobs this year, with 250,000 more people at work than at this time last year.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, (Hull East, Lab): In 12 months he has presided over an increase of over 3,000 a week in unemployment. Can he estimate the level of unemployment for October 1985?

Mr King: Unemployment has risen during the year in which I have had the privilege to hold this responsibility. I regard it as very serious. It has not gone up as fast as in the time of his former leader, Mr Michael Foot.

In terms of prospects for employment, instead of giving unequivocal support from one platform to the miners' dispute, I hope Mr Prescott will observe a little more of the canniness of his leader.

● Later, Mr King told Mr Ronald Davies (Caerphilly, Lab) that the vast majority of the country had been completely unaffected by the miners' strike in their normal working routine. It has however (he added) undoubtedly caused real hardship in particular areas and lost a significant number of jobs, especially in companies closely associated with the coal industry.

Mr Davies: In the South Wales coalfields for every one working miners there are still 200 on strike. There will never be a complete return to work unless there is a negotiated settlement. What steps does his department intend to take to bring about a resumption of negotiations?

Mr King: I am surprised Mr Davies stood up in the House on the issue of the miners' strike without any comment on the behaviour shown to the General Secretary of the TUC (Mr Norman Willis) when he tried to bring home a few home truths.

If Mr Davies believes that negotiations were the way to solve this dispute, it is a great pity we did not hear his views a little earlier.

Mr David Sumberg (Bury South, C): Many of my constituents in the paper industry are suffering as a result of the dispute. Paper mills are having to pay more for energy. The longer the dispute continues, the greater the threat to their jobs.

Mr King: An unattractive feature of the leadership of the NUM, which claims to be trying to protect jobs, is that while their members have a clear assurance about their position, undoubtedly jobs of many people in other industries are in danger.

My best estimate of figures available is that 30,000 people in other industries have lost their jobs as a direct result of the intransigence of Mr Scargill.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): The tragedy of this dispute is that we could with a reduction in uneconomic pits have expansion of the coal industry with benefits to those who supply the mining industry and use its products and to the miners themselves.

Mr King: I agree. Some people most closely involved with the industry do not seem to believe in its own future.

I have a friend in the American coal industry. (Prolonged Labour interruptions). During this dispute he has been selling orders. These orders could have been for British coal to the advantage of British miners if only there was courage and determination.

● In the first nine months of this year 15.8 million working days were lost through work stoppages due to industrial disputes, and four fifths of these lost days were due to the mining dispute, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Employment, said during questions. These were provisional figures, he said.

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab) said that 1984 would see twice the number of working days lost through industrial action in comparision with the last year of the Labour Government in 1978.

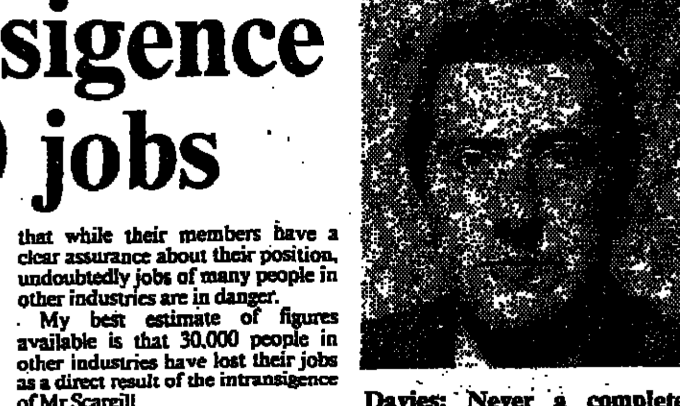
In the subsequent years (he said) we have had three pieces of industrial relations legislation from this Government. Does he see these lost days as a sign that that legislation had failed or does he believe it is a sign of success, because this Government is about causing chaos in industrial relations?

Mr Peter Bottomley: Except for the mining dispute, days lost are down, and that dispute is a result of a union not listening to its members and not asking them before going on strike.

● Later Mr King also told Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) that he had no meeting planned with the TUC to discuss the implications of the miners' strike.

Mr Adley: In view of the political courage shown by Mr Norman Willis, (the TUC General Secretary) would it not be appropriate for the Government to extend a hand to the TUC to try to improve the relationship between them?

Mr King: I meet the TUC and various committees on various matters and different members as well. I am always ready to meet them on matters of common interest. The TUC have paid a heavy price for the resolution passed at its conference. Negotiations led by the TUC at an earlier stage could have been helpful. I pay tribute to the TUC General Secretary at that most unpleasant meeting at Aberavon.



Davies: 'Never a complete return without negotiations'

Mr Alec Woodall (Hemsworth, Lab): He ought to meet members of the TUC if only to discuss with them two constituents of mine employed by private contractors doing work for the coal board who have been laid off since this strike began. They were receiving unemployment benefit until recently when some bright boy in his department decided that they were affected by the strike and would benefit from it. Will he ensure that they receive their rightful unemployment benefit?

Mr King: That is not a matter for me. If he is trying to say that there has been a lot of hardship and that a lot of jobs have been lost as a result of the NUM's action many MP's would agree 100 per cent.

Mr Roy Mason (Barnsley Central, Lab): Why is it that those mineworkers who were declared redundant before March 6, the first day of the strike, have received their redundancy notices and have played no part in the strike, are being denied unemployment benefit?

Mr King: This is a matter under existing rules for the adjudicating officer. I hope that the NUM is not going to be any longer in that situation. The number of people who have lost their jobs, 30,000 emphasizes the importance of bringing this dispute to an end at the earliest possible moment.

Mr Prescott: The speech to be made tonight (Tuesday) by the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Peter Walker) calling for national unity and conciliation in the mining areas seems to many of us to be like Attila the Hun calling for a peace conference. Does Mr King accept his responsibility in this new theme of conciliation?

Mr King: I have never quite seen the Secretary of State for Energy in the guise of a wolf coming down on the fold. It is no good Mr Prescott standing up now and saying how about a bit of negotiation and conciliation when he backed the NUM leader to the hilt when he proudly stated that he would not budge an inch throughout the dispute.

All parties urged to be constructive

ULSTER

It was easy to recognize the problems of Northern Ireland and easy to analyse them, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister said in the Commons. But, it was very difficult to get the necessary political framework to solve them.

Replying to questions about her meeting with Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Taoiseach, on Sunday and Monday, she said there had been excellent cooperation with the Irish Government in trying to improve security, but they had not yet been successful in getting a political framework acceptable to the minority and majority communities.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said: I welcome the fact that another meeting has taken place between the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach and the undertaking given that close and continual dialogue will go on.

I strongly endorse the categoric rejection of violence and the threat of violence.

Could she explain why, he asked, this recent meeting did not produce more tangible results? Does that mean she is content with the status quo, with the misery caused and the lethal dangers?

Responsible authorities including the Irish Government and the Roman Catholic bishops are alarmed by the risk of loss of confidence in the democratic process among many people.

Did they discuss that alienation, since it is a matter of such genuine and widespread concern?

It is essential to encourage those who work for change by democratic means, so that they are strengthened and so that the forces of terror are weakened and divided.

Mrs Thatcher: Despite all the strenuous and considerable efforts by the Royal Ulster Constabulary and security forces to eliminate terrorism and we have excellent cooperation with the Taoiseach and across the border in trying to improve security, we have not yet been successful in getting a political framework acceptable to the minority and majority communities.

The first Secretary of State for Northern Ireland had a round table conference but we were not successful in getting anything done, although the discussions went well.

Mr James Prior, the former Secretary of State, started an assembly but the Republican party – the Social Democratic and Labour Party – did not take part so we have still to try yet again.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists (Lagan Valley): I congratulate her on the courage and the clear-sightedness she has shown in taking her Government off the treadmill of initiatives which in the past have been the cause of so much turmoil.

Would Mrs Thatcher consider phasing out summits of this type which also add to instability?

Mrs Thatcher: I think all of us would still like to find a political framework that was acceptable both to the minority as well as the majority communities. We have not yet succeeded in finding that. I hope that all Northern Irish political parties will play a constructive part in trying to secure it.

Unless and until we get that we shall not be able to get the full improvement in the security situation which we all seek.

Mr Michael Mates (East Hampshire, C): Would Mrs Thatcher repeat to all the people in Northern Ireland that neither community has anything to fear from improved and continuing working relationships between herself and the Taoiseach?

Mrs Thatcher: I believe we are right to hold bilateral meetings with the Taoiseach and his ministers and we shall continue to do so.

We rejected the three proposals in the New Ireland Forum and the majority in Northern Ireland know they will continue to be a part of the United Kingdom unless they wish otherwise.

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L): In view of the terrorist challenge facing both governments, why cannot a joint security council be set up now.

Mrs Thatcher: A joint security council is one proposal which has been put forward. These are matters which will be pursued. A number of people think it better to try to get a solution in both security and a political framework at the same time, believing that the one may assist the better solution of others.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): There has been immense disappointment at the negative view she took on the New Ireland Forum which represents 90 per cent of nationalist opinion. Yesterday was quite a victory for the Provisional IRA.

Mrs Thatcher: I disagree most strongly. This Government is not going to be bombed into taking any different approach to the Republic than it would have taken in the absence of the bombing.

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP): Her comments at the press conference caused deep and justifiable anger and contributed little to the objective of peace and stability in Northern Ireland.

Mrs Thatcher is making a fundamental mistake in insisting that the Northern Ireland problem is a Northern Ireland problem. The problem of Northern Ireland is not simply a matter of relationships between the people of Northern Ireland. It is a matter of relationships between the Rebublic and Britain.

It represents a failure of British-Irish relations which have been allowed to fester.

When Mrs Thatcher gives a total veto to a tiny section of the people of both Irelands she is paralysing all progress. The right approach is to seek the maximum consensus of all the people of both Irelands.

Mrs Thatcher: I do not recognise the press conference at which I was present. I did hope we might have a possibility of getting more cooperation. What Mr Hume says does not give me much hope.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab): The current violence on the streets of northern England arising from the miners' strike, like the long standing violence on the streets of Northern Ireland, are the consequences of policies which Mrs Thatcher could change.

The impervious and callous manner of her dismissal of the changes in the forum report were an affront and meant people would continue to suffer.

Mrs Thatcher: The forum report and the three proposals were rejected by the former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on July 4, clearly and decisively.

The majority would have been deeply offended if these solutions had not been rejected. I hope Mr Duffy believes the majority still have some standing.

Violence is utterly and totally wrong and to be condemned. Changes should come about by the ballot box.



Molyneaux: Summits like this add to instability

Mr Timothy Yeo (South Suffolk, C): There is widespread concern at the increasingly large financial bill that the British taxpayer has to meet for what appears to come to be the self-imposed problems of Northern Ireland.

Mrs Thatcher: The financial bill is large but the people of Northern Ireland are as much entitled to be defended against terrorism as people in any other part of the United Kingdom.

Mis Joan Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab): Terrorism comes from the fact that the minority does not have democratic rights.

Mrs Thatcher: They do have rights. What we are asking is for more cooperation between the political parties to reach something more acceptable to both.

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab): The majority in Northern Ireland are and always have been against the partition and there is mounting evidence that the people of Britain are against our presence in Northern Ireland.

So long as small intransigence minority, which has treated unjustly the nationalist community in Northern Ireland, goes on dictating to all of us there can be no solution to this dreadful problem.

Mrs Thatcher: There is a guarantee given by legislation, passed through this House, to the majority of people in Northern Ireland, most of us stand by that guarantee and believe in the human rights for eah and every citizen in Northern Ireland and try to uphold these.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Civil Aviation Bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Debate on work of research councils.

Gummer 'should be a Bishop'

PM's QUESTIONS

A suggestion that Mr John Gummer, Conservative Party chairman, should be made a bishop drew laughter from MPs during Commons questions on the coal dispute.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, referred to Mr Gummer's "extraordinary outburst" in a pulpit on Sunday.

Will the Prime Minister make clear (he asked) that she sent a full and positive answer to the church leaders' letter without questioning their facts as Mr Gummer sought to do? It would be an improvement if she made him a bishop and took some bishops into her Government.

Mrs Thatcher replied by referring to the maiden speech made in the Lords recently by the Earl of Stockton, formerly Mr Harold Macmillan.

I myself (she said amid renewed laughter) do not tangle with bishops. I leave that to distinguished ex-Prime Ministers, one of whom in a maiden speech in the Lords a few days ago said: "Episcopal and archiepiscopal plunges into economics are very often rather eccentric, even capricious."

Unesco

Many criticisms which had been made of Unesco, the United Nations Educational, cientific and Cultural Organization were abundantly justified, both in the direction of its expenditure and the attempts it made from time to time to prevent freedom of speech and the freedom of the press, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during questions.

She was replying to Mr Thomas Clarke (Monklands West, Lab) who urged her to bear in mind the views of the United Kingdom Commission as well as the 25 human rights organizations. Would she just this once respond to the third world and non-aligned nations, instead of hanging on to the American coat tails, he suggested.

Belgrano

HMS Conqueror was not ordered to return to the scene of the sinking of the General Belgrano on May 3, 1982, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said.

The Conqueror was ordered to continue operations in accordance with her current rules of engagement, she added. Early on the morning of May 4, 1982, (London time). HMS Conqueror signalled her intention to return to the area where Belgrano was attacked. She was then ordered not to attack warships engaged in rescuing survivors from the Belgrano.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab): Have all the signals to and from the Conqueror been retained other than those that were in the missing log book?

Mrs Thatcher: I prefer to check precisely before giving him a specific reply.

Scots as PM

The United Kingdom had had many Scottish Prime Ministers and it was about time the English had a chance, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said amid laughter.

She was replying to Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP), who had said: Following her description of herself on television last night as an "English Prime Minister", many Scots will welcome the acknowledgement that she has no mandate for government north of the border. (Laughter)

Would she see to it that legislation was introduced in to this House at last to redeem the promise of Lord Home that a separate Scottish government should be set up?

'Hands up' now out of date for strikes

Events at the Austin Rover works underlined more clearly than any speech could that the car park meeting and show of hands was no longer acceptable for issues of this importance, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions. They also emphasized the importance of a proper secret ballot before any industrial action could be undertaken.

Mr Roger King (Birmingham, Northfield, C) had asked if he would talk to the TUC about secret ballots. Would he say to them (he went on) that if they had had a secret ballot the mineworkers would never have gone on strike and if the Austin Rover workers had had a secret ballot they would not have spent 2½ weeks on strike?

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

Sometimes in the course of the next two years the Alliance is likely to have another major opportunity to revive its fortunes. There will probably be mid-term disillusionment with the Government and, on present form, not much confidence in Labour. But the Alliance will be able to take this opportunity only if it looks sufficiently united to impress both its own members and the electorate.

Unless the ordinary members of both the Liberal and Social Democratic parties are convinced that the unity is for real they will not be prepared to make the sacrifices that are required to make any partnership effective. For that reason it is wiser to focus attention at this stage on the underlying spirit of unity than on the precise arrangements for the allocation of seats.

If the right spirit is there, the difficulties over seat allocation will be resolved in due course. If it is not there, another efficient carve-up of seats will not be enough to win the confidence of the electorate.

It now looks as if both party leaders have accepted the need for more than the superficial appearance of unity which is all that has been provided since the last election – which is another way of saying that Dr Owen does not seem to be dragging his feet quite so much. A number of useful steps in the right direction were taken at yesterday's meeting of the Joint Leaders' Committee.

Alliance sees power chance

It has been publicly agreed for the fir st time that the Alliance is a lasting partnership. That is important at the symbolic level. If the two parties were to regard themselves as simply enjoying a temporary liaison to see them through the next election – after which all bets might be off – they would inevitably be less cooperative.

It is rational to make a concession in order to solidify a partnership, but it is foolhardy to give away something to tomorrow's opponent.

This does not mean that a merger is around the corner. It would not be practical politics before the next election, and to attempt it would simply cause unnecessary aggravation. What has been accepted is modest, but necessary.

It is also significant that the Alliance is now agreed on seeing itself as an alternative to the present Government. To expect the Liberals and Social Democrats to sweep to power at the next election would on present evidence be absurd. But the earlier indication from Dr Owen that he did not think it sensible even to try had upset many Liberals as well as a number of members of his own party.

They thought that it was tactically inept because the Alliance would lack credibility if it did not present itself as a potential bidder for power. They also feared that Dr Owen's strategy betrayed a lack of emotional commitment to the Alliance, seeing it merely as an instrument for gaining the balance of power as a means towards electoral reform. Now the balance of power seems to be regarded as an acceptable fall-back objective.

Joint choice not common

The main organizational decisions point in the same direction: a joint leaders' office to be established well before the next election, and more joint television appearances by Dr Owen and Mr Steel.

On the delicate subject of joint selection of parliamentary candidates – which Liberals tend to favour and to which Dr Owen is resistant – there seem to be some signs of a modus vivendi. The SDP may be becoming somewhat flexible in defining the exceptional circumstances in which it would be acceptable, and the Liberals are accepting that joint selection will not be widespread.

In general Dr Owen has been responding to pressure from his own party as well as from the Liberals. It is a mistake to regard the two parties as monolithic in their attitude towards the other. But there remains one doubt, the basis of Dr Owen's reluctance and the main question overhanging the Alliance's future.

It is whether Liberals and Social Democrats are ultimately the same kinds of political animal. This doubt was magnified by Bournemouth and Buxton, especially by the differences over defence. It has not been set at rest by yesterday's sensible decisions.

Thatcher condemns equipment attack

VANDALISM

The destruction of £250,000 worth of public property at the National Coal Board computer and geological centre was an act of vandalism, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions to her on the mining dispute.

It was an attempt (she continued) to destroy other jobs by destroying the equipment with which people worked, and an attempt to destroy the possibility of doing important research on geological matters.

The matter would be pursued by the police and she hoped people would be brought before the courts in the ordinary way.

Mr Ian Lloyd (Havant, C), chairman of the Select Committee of Energy, had said the destruction had caused grave concern throughout the country. Probably no single step had done more damage to employment prospects in the coal mining industry.

What steps (he had asked) are being taken to ensure that Mr Scargill's Visigoths are not allowed or encouraged to continue this kind of behaviour?

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab) stated: The intention of the Government to smash the trade union movement by pursuing policies of mass unemployment, by destroying local democracy and by reducing the living standards of working people and their families, will not be achieved.

Mrs Thatcher: What is reflecting badly on the trade union movement and doing it great damage is the refusal to hold a ballot by the NUM and the persistence in using violence to extend the strike when it would be far better for everyone concerned if everyone went back to work

Mr John Ward (Poole, C): Would she reflect on the decision of the leadership of the NUM to seek financial assistance from Libya and the Soviet Union? Is it not astonishing that unions which believe in freedom seek financial help from countries where there are no free trade unions?

Mrs Thatcher: I agree.

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C): Will she congratulate the British Steel Corporation on the huge improvement in their production and financial performance, despite all the activities?

As BSC moves towards financial break-even, will she make a going of congratulating the work force, the management, the present chairman and the past chairman, who I think was Mr MacGregor?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, gladly. Those who work in BSC know full well that in order to keep their jobs they have to keep their customers. They are doing that and serving them well in spite of the difficulties placed on them by a fellow trade union.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry, South East, Lab): The £4,000m the Government has spent in attempting to destroy the NUM could have provided £25 a week increase for every registered person on the dole, or £4 a week decrease for every registered insured worker in tax cuts.

The miners, in seeing her attack on jobs, have 90 per cent of the workers in Scotland on strike, 97 per cent in Yorkshire on strike, and 99.6 per cent of the miner in South Wales remain solid?

Mrs Thatcher: If he is interested in people keeping their jobs, he should stop supporting the strikes.

Labour fears forced sale of new town assets

NEW TOWN BILL

The prospect of the "magic of the market place" for Britain's new towns was held out by Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, in the Commons when he moved the second reading in the Commons of the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill.

The measure is designed to help completion and subsequent winding up of the new towns programme in England and Wales. It authorizes extra money for urban development corporations and provides for the ending of the New Towns Commission for the new towns which were brought in to ensure urban development to a high standard.

Mr Gow told MPs that the Government had always made clear that new towns should not be distinguished from others by the continuing presence of a dominant public sector landlord. The Government believed that when these towns reached substantial completion they should have a thriving property market. This would introduce the magic of the market place.

An announcement would be made as soon as possible on the three North East new towns and on whether to keep to December 31, 1985 as the target date for winding them up. These were Aycliffe, Peterlee and Washington. Much remained to be done in the other English new towns – Milton Keynes, Peterborough, Runcorn, Telford and Warrington.

The Government would keep under review the extent to which the development corporations would continue to be required.

Within four years the development corporation's work on Cwmbran would be completed. In Scotland, the Bill would ensure that the development corporations could dispose of land no longer intended for development.

In London docklands, commitments by the private sector had been secured for investment of more than £140m in the enterprise zone.

On present forecasts the £600m limit in the Bill would be reached in 1989. The £800m to which the limit could be raised would be reached in 1991.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said it was morally wrong for the assets to have been piled high and the buyer told "everything must go", thus creating a buyers' market. The requirement to continue to have consideration for the welfare of those living, working or carrying on business in the new towns, and to try to enhance the value of the assets, was a sham.

The Bill did not allow the public purse to realize the full mature value of its investment over a period of close on 30 years. It allowed what looked like forced sales at what would be then less than market value.

Mr William Benyon (Milton Keynes, C) said for the first time in new town finance, grants were to be given as opposed to loans. This was a good, reasonable development, but he hoped it would be used sensibly.

Mr Norman Hogg (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, Lab) said this Bill was just one more piece of legislation which would encourage and allow further sales of public land and public assets at bargain basement prices.

British Telecom sale: 3

Bill for privatizing may top £200m

The selling of British Telecom will be more expensive than all the Government's previous privatization exercises put together. In the last of three articles, JONATHAN DAVIS, Business Correspondent, explains why.

The British Telecom share sale is such a huge undertaking that the Government's publicists have been kept busy for weeks enumerating the various records it will break. One record about which they have been less than forthcoming is the unprecedented cost of the exercise.

Both the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry have consistently refused to be drawn on what the final bill for privatizing British Telecom is likely to be. Only notional estimates have so far been laid before Parliament for approval.

That reticence is hardly surprising. The sums involved are going to be very large, and the Government appears to be sensitive to the regular charges from Labour MPs that privatization is "lining the pockets" of merchant banks and stockbrokers in the City.

But partly it is also genuine uncertainty about what the final costs will be. Many of the costs involved, such as the telephone rebates being offered to small investors, will not be known for certain until the issue is over. The bill presented to the Treasury could vary by tens of millions of pounds, depending on how many people apply for vouchers, how many vouchers each wants and how long they decide to keep their shares.

Preliminary estimates in Whitehall, however, are understood to be based on the assumption that the final all-inclusive cost of the British Telecom share sale will be at least £200m and could easily be more. It will be more expensive than all the previous privatization exercises put together.

As a percentage of the total proceeds of the share issue, however, it will still be relatively small. Costs of £200m would represent just over 5 per cent of £3,915m which British Telecom is going to raise for the Government. The two biggest elements in the total are expected to be the cost of having the share offer underwritten in the City, and the cost of the package of incentives which are being offered, at the Government's rather than British Telecom's expense, to small investors.

The Government's determination to underwrite all its share sales has been one of the more controversial elements of its privatization programme; critics argue that it is unnecessary and wasteful. Underwriting a new share issue involves a group of banks, pension funds, insurance companies and other big City institutions guaranteeing to buy all the shares on offer in the event of the issue failing to attract enough buyers at the specified price.

The final cost of the exercise, the London part of which was completed last Friday, will be more than £60m.

In addition, the Government has to pay fees to Kleinwort Benson, its main merchant bank adviser, and the four stockbroking firms that are handling the issue. These are never normally disclosed on grounds of commercial confidence, although one broking firm is known to be receiving a fee of between £1m and £2m. The Government does not deny Labour claims that the total City earnings from the issue will be £100m to £120m.

The cost of the incentives, including the telephone vouchers and bonus shares offered by the Government, is expected to come to about the same as the underwriting. Each voucher will cost the Government £18, so if a million people apply for an average of two vouchers each, the cost will be £36m.

The next biggest item is the free or cut-price shares being offered to BT's 240,000 employees. Up to 10 per cent of the shares have been reserved for employees, though they are not expected to take them all up. The free share offer alone will cost the Government £17.5m.

The final element is the bill for marketing, including the advertising campaign, the mailshots to all telephone subscribers, the six million prospectuses, and the fees of the various advisers. Unofficial estimates are that this could cost anywhere between £20m and £50m.

Concluded

Prisoners escape in ambush

By Michael Horsnell

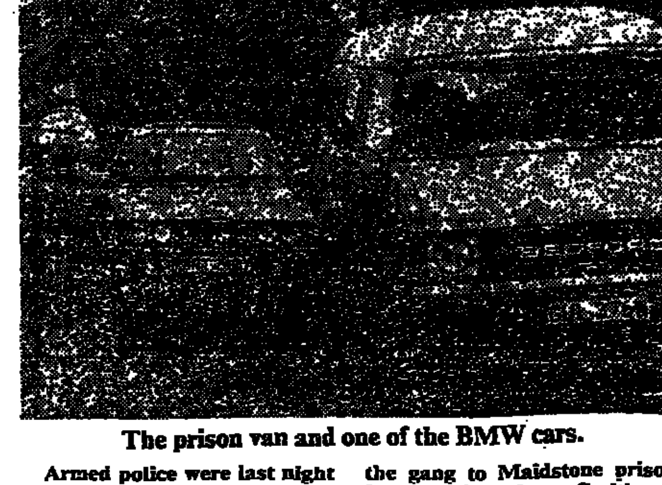
Two prisoners on a routine jail transfer were freed yesterday when a gang armed with pickaxe handles attacked a prison van in Reigate, Surrey.

As police launched a full-scale hunt for the two men the prison department started an inquiry into the well-planned escape.

The yellow prison van, with five warders including the driver and three prisoners aboard, was ambushed in a busy shopping centre during the morning rush-hour.

It was on its way from Maidstone prison to Parkhurst prison on the Isle of Wight when, followed by a beige BMW car, it was overtaken on the A127 by a silver BMW which braked sharply and forced it into a lamp-post.

The beige car crashed into the back and four men wearing balaclava helmets lept out before smashing the van's windscreen and ordering the prison officers to remain still. Two of the three prisoners, who were handcuffed together, leapt into the silver BMW which sped off towards London.



The prison van and one of the BMW cars.

Armed police were last night hunting Terence Smith, aged 25, a category 'B' prisoner from Dagenham who was jailed for 15 years last year at Chelmsford Crown Court for his part in a £20,000 robbery at Corringham, Essex, and John Kendall, aged 33, from Plaistow, east London, serving 10 years for robbery.

But police, led by Det Supt Keith Portlock, believe the gang may have intended only to rescue Smith but were forced to include Kendall because of the handcuffs. No association between the two men is known. The third prisoner made no attempt to escape.

The police are also investigating with the prison department a suspected visit by one of the gang to Maidstone prison last week when Smith is believed to have been seen.

The two cars were stolen earlier from Wanstead, east London, and police appealed for help in tracing the silver getaway car, registration number A670TRP.

Roadblocks were set up and dogs called in within minutes of the 60-second ambush in which no one was hurt.

Kendall, a category 'C' prisoner was said to be less dangerous than Smith, but the public was warned not to approach either. "We understand that this incident involves a London gang and it appears highly organized," Mr Portlock said.

Mexican inferno leaves 300 dead

Mexico City (Reuter, AP) – Rescue workers yesterday found more charred bodies in the ruins of a suburb here, razed by a devastating gas depot fire which killed more than 300 people and injured more than 2,000.

Police said about 270 bodies had been recovered from homes incinerated by the fire storm or flattened by concrete blocks hurledd as far as a mile by a series of blasts. Hundreds were poisoned by leaking gas.

The fire, which survivors said fried birds in the air, began before dawn on Monday when 80,000 barrels of liquified gas exploded at one of the city's main gas distribution centres. Many houses, constructed from petrol barrels in the poor suburb of San Juanico, simply melted in the heat, killing the occupants in seconds.

As rescue workers scoured the suburb and fire-fighters fought isolated blazes inside the depot, survivors spoke of the horror when 300ft high flames engulfed the area.

One man said he thought he had gone to Hell when he saw a metal building melt. "Hell fires could not be hotter", he said. When the fire started, "I heard a rumble and rushed out into the street but the heat struck me and I ran back inside to help my family. I tried to get my parents out of their house but it was burnt to ashes".

A police sergeant said many people had died half-naked in the street as they tried to outrun the flames which leapt from house to house. Entire families were incinerated in the grimy suburb and the homes of more than 4,000 people were destroyed.

Soldiers threw a security cordon around San Juanico and surrounding areas evacuated after the blaze in the gas distribution centre owned by the state oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex). More than 50 looters were arrested.

As the fires were brought under control and the scale of the disaster emerged, critics said it had been just a question of time before such a calamity would strike in Mexico City. A diplomat said: "It is not wise to store large quantities of gas or petrol near people. Safety rules have been lacking in the growth of Mexico City."

President Miguel de la Madrid issued a statement expression sorrow for those killed and urging the public to join in helping the victims. The Government instituted an emergency aid programme which included distribution of clothing and other necessities and installation of mobile kitchens. Ambulances and rescue lorries sped in and out of the area, carrying the injured to seven hospitals and several emergency centres.

At the local police station, charred bodies in plastic bags were laid out until they could be carried to a civic centre converted into a makeshift morgue.

Piles of rubble were heaped where some homes once stood and shards of glass and smouldering debris littered the steets.

Asked if he was waiting for information on his family, one man, with his few belongings wrapped in a sheet slung over his back, said softly: "Not now. Now I know. There is nobody."



Survivors: A Red Cross worker carries two children from the devastated area.

Famine in Ethiopia

Guerrillas ambush refugees

From Thomson Prentice
Addis Ababa

Guerrillas of the Tigrean People's Liberation Front have launched an attempt to sabotage the Ethiopian Government's resettlement scheme in which thousands of people are removed from famine areas and taken to other parts of the country.

According to reliable sources in Addis Ababa yesterday, the guerrillas ambushed a convoy of seven buses and lorries carrying hundreds of settlers, took the people away and blew up or burnt the vehicles.

Western diplomatic sources also gave some credence to reports that the rebels had occupied the town of Korem, 385 miles north of the capital, after a day of skirmishes with government troops. The attack on the convoy was said to have taken place near Kobo, 30 miles south of Korem.

Government officials denied that Korem, which has 100,000 famine refugees camped on its outskirts, was in rebel hands, and insisted that a scheduled visit today by Dr Garret Fitzgerald, the Irish Repulic's Prime Minister would go ahead. However, they admitted that there had been an "incident" at Korem over the weekend and spoke of limited infiltration of the town by the guerrillas.

The guerrillas, who have been fighting a seccessionist campaign since 1962, did take control of Korem for a few weeks last year. Ten European relief workers were taken hostage and released two months later across the border in Sudan. However, the attack on the resettlement convoy is the first of its kind and was being seen yesterday as a significant attempt by the guerrillas to halt what they consider to be forced deportation of their supporters.

The Government has moved scores of thousands of people from the impoverished north, including Tigre. The government said last week it plans to move 250,000 more people to the fertile south and south-west in the next few months, but conceded that the scheme was controversial.

The question now facing the Government is whether to continue to move thousands of Tigreans and risk further attacks

● JAPAN PLEDGE: Mr Shintaro Abe, the Japanese Foreign Minister, on a visit to Ethiopia, has pledged $7.4m (£5.9m) in aid for drought relief and agricultural development in the famine-stricken country (Reuter reports).

● NEW YORK: Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, intends to call an international conference on the famine in Africa, but the timing and framework have yet to be worked out, his spokesman said (Reuter reports).

Hesse alliance collapses over A-power

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn

The informal alliance between the Social Democrats and the Greens in the state of Hesse has collapsed after only six months. The Greens announced yesterday that they would no longer back the minority government of Herr Holger Börner because it refused to support their call for the closure of two nuclear plants in the state.

The breakdown in Hesse has implications for both parties on a national scale, and reduces the likelihood of future cooperation. In Hesse it may lead to new elections soon.

The alliance was criticized by many Greens as a dangerous compromise with the party's radical policies. But others saw it as a first chance for the Greens to exercise real power in state government and to prove to voters that the Greens were not just a protest party.

Herr Börner said yesterday that the Greens were insisting on a policy of all or nothing.

13 tons of marijuana on coaster

Boston (Reuter). – At least 13 tons of marijuana have been found so far on the Norwegian-registered coastal ship, Ramsland, seized off the US coast on Wednesday. Customs officials estimated its street value at $5.2m (£4.3m).

Its captain and five crew, all British, have been charged with smuggling, and could be jailed for up to 15 years and fined up to $125,000.

The Ramsland left Las Palmas on October 2, bound for Nova Scotia. The crew were listed as Andreas Mallion, aged 24, the captain, his brother, Gary (19), Kevin Tait (23), Barry Cogger (23), Westley Simmonds (30), and John Harrison (45), all from Kent except Harrison, who has a Canary Islands address.

Delhi extends journalist's bail

Delhi. – The Supreme Court extended the bail of Mr Brahama Chellaney, Associated Press correspondent, to December 3 but ordered him to report to the police in Amritsar by tomorrow to help their investigations.

He is accused of filing from Punjab a report on the military action in the Golden Temple at Amritsar when he was legally debarred from doing so.

Cyclone wake

Delhi (AFP) – The death toll from the cyclone that battered the states of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu last week rose to 373. India's space research organization centre on an island off the Madras coast was extensively damaged.

Heart failure

Loma Linda, California (Reuter) – Baby Fae, who lived for 21 days until last Thursday, who with a transplanted baboon heart, died of heart failure caused by rejection of the organ, according to a post-mortem report.

Two hanged

Pretoria (AFP) – Two notorious South African gangsters, Cameron "Kangaroo" Adams, aged 27, a former boxing champion, and Vincent Stuurman, aged 25, were hanged here for murdering two members of rival gang.

Canadian cut

Ottawa (AP) – Canada is to reduce the number of immigrants it allows in next year from 95,000 to 90,000 and is making a major review of its immigration policy.

Sexy Santa

Stockholm – A seasonal advertisement by a Swedish artist showing Father Christmas making love has been banned from Stockholm's underground system. He was told to produce a "nicer" poster.

Magistrates in Madrid slate police

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Nine years after Franco died, there are still some Spanish policemen who have yet to learn how to uphold the rule of law in a democracy, according to Madrid's magistrates.

After an incident involving one of their members, who was manhandled and disobeyed by the police, the magistrates have appealed to the ministers of Justice and the Interior to remedy the situation swiftly.

The Judical Council, the self-regulating body to which all judges and magistrates are responsible, is due today to investigate the incident, which involved Señor Jacobo Lopez Barja, a magistrates known throughout the country. Among the cases he has investigated was last December's Madrid discotheque fire, in which 83 young people died.

In Madrid last week he sought to go to the assistance of a man, identified by police as a suspected thief, who was being pistol-whipped by a member of a police patrol. The man was handcuffed and on the ground.

The magistrate identified himself and ordered the policman to stop. He and his three colleagues threatened to arrest Señor Lopez and then put his gun to the magistrate's throat.

The Madrid Magistrates' Association, after a special meeting on Monday, told the Interior Minister that such incidents between magistrates and the police were not isolated affairs.

"Certain police officials lack a clear awareness of their role in a democratic state," the magistrates said. They demanded that a new approach in the higher echelons of the police should be ordered by the minister.

ILO defends its position after Warsaw pullout

Geneva (Reuter) – The International Labour Organization (ILO) said yesterday that it had followed normal procedure over a report on trade union rights in Poland which led to Warsaw deciding to leave the ILO.

The report, compiled by an ILO commission, said Poland had abused workers' rights by surppressing Solidarity. A letter from the Polish representative, Mr Stanislaw Turbanski, to the ILO Secretary-General, Mr Francis Blanchard, said Poland was withdrawing because the organization "took note" of the report.

Warsaw said the report was an illegal and politically-motivated interference in internal Polish affairs. In his reply, Mr Blanchard said the ILO's decision to take note of the report "fully conforms with the procedure envisaged by the constution of the ILO, to which Poland had fully subscribed in becoming a member of the organization".

Austerity for Romania

Bucharest, (Reuter) – Delegates to the thirteenth congress of Romania's ruling Communist Party yesterday began debating a keynote speech by President Nicolae Ceausescu in which he foreshadowed greater party control over society.

The 3,100 delegates to the congress in the State Palace here were expected to approve President Ceausescu's report at the end of the week, setting the seal on a course of economic austerity and ideological orthodoxy for the rest of the 1980s.

Mr Ceausescu, who is 66 and has been the party's general-secretary since 1965, devoted more than half of his four-and-a-half-hour speech on Monday to spelling out a message of continued austerity to try to raise living standards of Romania's 23 million people.

The ideologically accented speech outlined a future course of rigid communist orthodoxy at home with an enhanced role for the party, which is already dominant in the tightly controlled society.

Spain and Portugal pin hope on Dublin summit for EEC entry progress

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Spain and Portugal will have to wait for the European summit in Dublin next month before they know if, when and how they can become members of the EEC.

This is now inevitable after the painfully slow progress made yesterday by EEC foreign ministers in Brussels on negotiating terms on the outstanding questions of fish, wine, fruit and vegetables.

The Community has yet to reach a common position on these subjects in order to put to the applicant countries when the next negotiating session takes place next week. Yesterday's meeting showed that on wine, at least, it will require all the political force of the summit to achieve a compromise.

There is a further session among member states planned for next Monday, when it may prove possible to put together some kind of package being put together with such difficulty is unlikely to be very appealing to Spain and Portugal, so there is a real danger that they could be rejected

All this puts increasing doubt on the possibility of completing the negotiations in time for the two countries to join by the target date of January, 1986.

In an attempt to put added pressure on the negotiations, Spain has announced that it is to hold a referendum on its membership of Nato in February, 1986. It has left no doubt that it will not recommend staying in the alliance if Spain is not by then an EEC member.

● LONDON: Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, arrived in Britain yesterday for a four-day official visit which is expected to be dominated by Portuguese pleas for an early completion of negotiations for EEC membership (David Cross writes).

He meets Mrs Thatcher today. It is expected that he will be told that the British Government will do everything it can to pave the way for Portugal to join the Community in 1986.



Dr Soares in London yesterday: Seeking backing from Mrs Thatcher.

Turks accuse Brussels

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, accused the EEC yesterday of going back on its word and failing to do its share towards improving its *troubled relations with Turkey.*

Emerging from a meeting of the parliamentary group of his Motherland Party, Mr Ozal recalled that an emissary had come from Brussels after he took office last November to discuss the steps to be taken for a comprehensive mending of fences.

"But now we see that they haven't kept their word, and to attribute that to the reservations of Greece and Denmark is simply not convincing", he said. "If they think they can intimidate with threats of holding back $600 million (£476 million) in aid, let them know that we do not need that money".

One of Mr Ozal's aides said the Prime Minister was even more incensed in his address to the Motherland Party group. "If Germany, Britain, Italy cannot sway over Greece or Denmark, then we should not bother with membership in such a Community," he was quoted as saying.

There have been rumours in recent weeks of an impending Turkish application for full member status in the EEC. The rumours were officially denied *both in Ankara and Brussels,* but not before it was indicated that such a premature application would be rejected.

Mr Ozal was no less tough in reminding the Council of Europe that "whether democracy existed in Turkey or not was not for others to decide". The warning appeared to be directed at at the Council's ministerial committee which is due to meet tomorrow.



Long arm of the law: Police and marshals arresting an unidentified man in Brooklyn, New York, during an operation by Fist (Fugitive Investigative Strike Teams). The two-month manhunt by federal and local law officers. has led to the arrest of 3,000 fugitives, including murder, rape and bank robbery suspects.

British TV sweeps Emmy awards

New York (Reuter) – British television programmes swept the 12th annual International Emmy awards here, beating *productions from 24 other* nations in five programme categories.

Granada Television, Channel 4 and Thames Television scooped the awards, presented by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at a ceremony on Monday night.

Jewel in the Crown, a 14-part Granada series based on Paul Scott's novels about the turbulence in India during the five years before independence from Britain in 1947, received the drama award.

The best documentary was *The Heart of the Dragon,* a Channel 4 production that looked at events and people from the past that have contributed to the development of modern China. A Channel 4 production of Bizet's *The Tragedy of Carmen,* received the performing arts award.

Fresh Fields, the story of a wife who seeks a career and new interests after 20 years of marriage, was the best popular arts programme. In the children's division, the winner was *The Wind in the Willows.*

Lord Bernstein, a founding executive of Granada Television, received the directorate award for "outstanding contributions over a period of time to the arts and sciences of international television".

David Wolper, American film maker and television producer, in 1977 produced the mini-series, *Roots* and the Jacques Cousteau undersea exploration series, received the founder's award.

Nato likely to double battle time

From Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent Brussels

Nato is expected shortly to adopt a programme designed to double the length of time in which it could fight a conventional war without resorting to nuclear weapons.

General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, has consistently said that with existing stocks of ammunition and other supplies in a war he would be forced within a short period to seek permission to use nuclear weapons.

Nato sources suggest this point could be reached within about 15 days of the outbreak of a big European war. But at a meeting of Nato defence ministers next month, steps are expected to be approved which, over a period of years, could lead to Nato's war stocks being extended to provide 30 days fighting capability.

The target of achieving a 30-day capability was first set more than 30 years ago.

This move and plans to provide many Nato airfields with improved protection against attack is seen as a direct response to criticisms by Senator Sam Nunn and others in the United States Congress.

Earlier this year there was *fear of an acute crisis developing* over a move by Senator Nunn, which was ultimately defeated. which would have led to a reduction in US forces in Europe if the European nations did not raise their level of defence spending.

At next month's ministerial meeting it is hoped to reach agreement, after months of argument, on a separate programme *which should lead to* the spending of about £4,226m over the next six years on defence infrastructure of which Britain's share would be about £500m.

● NEW SS20 BASES: Construction of 10 new SS20 bases, *the largest number* in any one year, has been started by the Soviet Union since Soviet negotiators walked out of the negotiations in December 1983, it was stated at a Nato meeting in Brussells yesterday (Frederick Bonnart writes).

Mr James Dobbins, chairman of the special consultative group of senior Nato foreign ministry officials. said that other aspects of the Soviet nuclear build-up *had also continued.*

The Soviet Union has moved more than 50 short-range mobile SS12/22 Scaleboard missiles from the Soviet Union into East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

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ETA leader shot dead outside his surgery

Madrid – Sênor Santiago Brouard, a leader of Basque extreme left-wing nationalist People's Unity coalition, was shot dead yesterday outside his surgery in Bilbao.

The executive of the coalition went immediately into emergency meeting after describing the killing as a provocation.

Sēnor Brouard sometimes acted as spokesman of People's Unity, the political arm of ETA, the Basque separatist organization.

£4,500m aid for Lome states

Brussels – A £4,500m aid programme for 64 developing countries was finally agreed by EEC member states here yesterday (Ian Murray writes). The money will fund a third Lome Convention, which is due to be signed next month, and is meant to last for five years.

Britain and West Germany refused to contribute more than was their agreed share for a programme costing £300m less. Other member states, therefore, had to find ways of raising the extra cash.

Top Reagan men asked to stay

Washington (AFP) – President Reagan has asked Mr Casper Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, Mr William Casey, the CIA director, and Mr Robert McFarlane, the National Security Adviser, to remain in their posts, a White House spokesman said.

"The President has talked to all of these individuals and they are all to the best of my knowledge hoping to stay," the spokesman said.

Thatcher threat

Toronto (Reuter) – Kenneth Deyarmond, aged 32, accused of threatening to assault Mrs Margaret Thatcher in Toronto last September during a demonstration, has been acquitted. But he was convicted of assaulting two policemen and will be sentenced today.

Corfu delay

Athens – A court in Corfu postponed until February 12, the hearing of two petitions for *the dispossession of Britions* who acquired property there in spite of a 1927 ban. In view of the Greek Government's prom*ises to settle the controversy by* law.

Valletta blast

Valletta (AFP) – A bomb thrown from the street on the roof of the Vatican Embassy's roof here, causing serious damage but no injuries. The islands 74 formerly fee-paying Catholic schools had just reopened as free schools after a six-week closure.

Iceland 'cheats'

Reykjavik (Reuter) – Icelandic unions which won a 20 per cent rise last month after a strike called Monday night's 12 per cent devaluation of the crown, cheating. The right-wing Government was clawing back most of the rise, they said.

Murdoch man

Chicago (Reuter) – Frank Devine, a senior staff editor at Reader's Digest, is to be editor of the Chicago *Sun-Times.* owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch. from January. He is a New Zealander, aged 52.

Trouser hitch

Moscow (Reuter) – Soviet men spend hours scouring shops for trousers with zip-fasteners while the clothing trade *keeps on making the* button-front kind that nobody wants, a Moscow newspaper said.

Marcos tries to dispel rumours about health

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Marcos, in a move to *quash rumours that he is* seriously ill or dead, was reported yesterday to have issued a formal statement declaring he is in good health and discharging his official duties.

"The report of my death is an exaggeration", Mr Marcos said. Speculation about his health had led callers to clog the palace switchboard with inquiries.

"*We should not dignify* these rumours in any way. But let me just say to our people that I am in good health and I am fully *discharging the duties and* responsibilities they have generously reposed on me", the statement quoted Mr Marcos *as saying.*

Despite the unprecedented two-paragraph statement, Mr Marcos has still not appeared in public for a week.

He failed to fulfil a speaking engagement yesterday before an international conference because, palace officials said, he had to attend to "pressing state matters".

On Monday the presidential palace was forced to break silence on Mr Marcos's mysterious disappearance from public view when a former Inforamtion Minister claimed the *President had undergone a* kidney and heart operation last Wednesday.

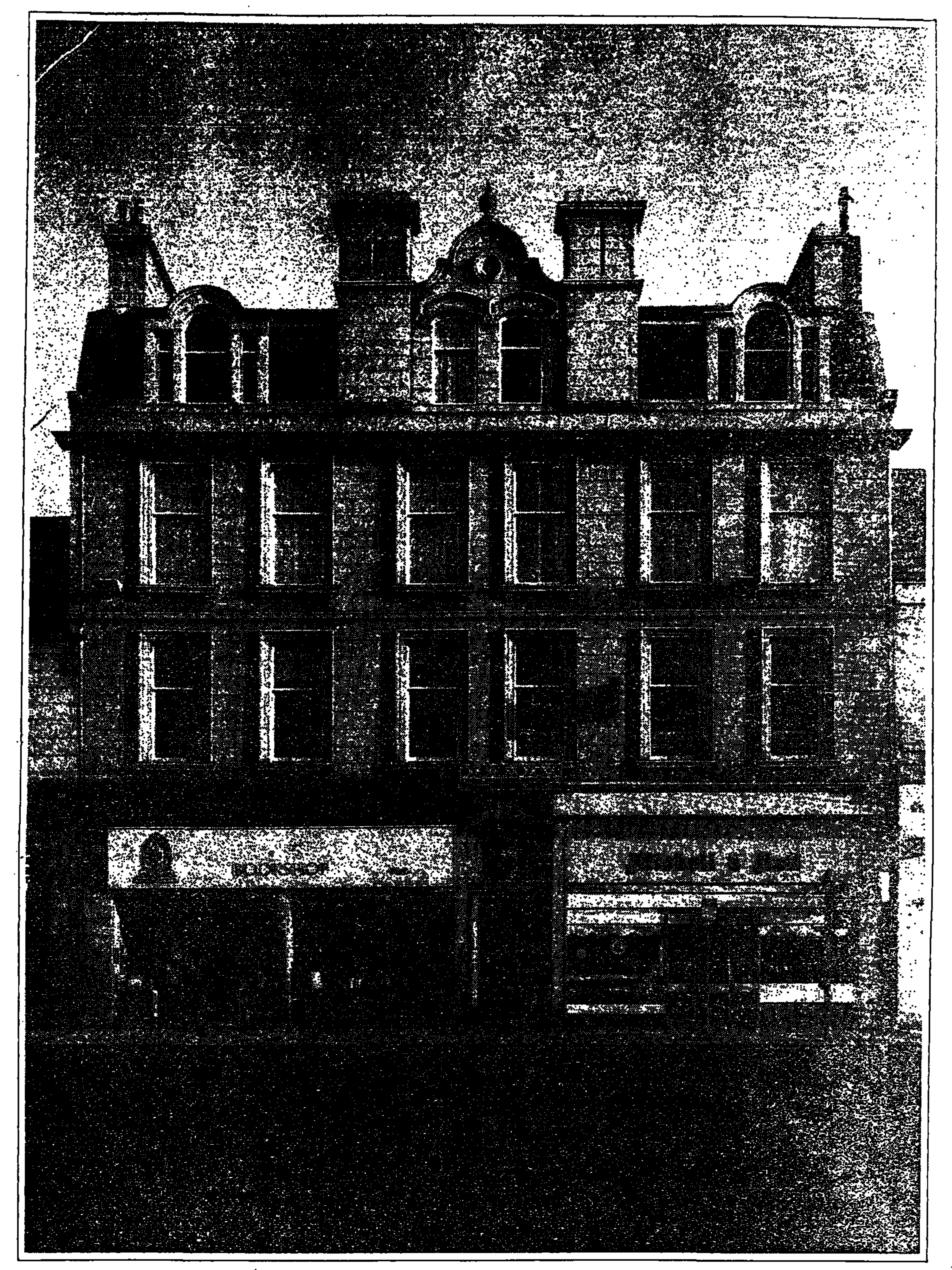
Whitlam's Unesco plea

Mr Gough Whitlam, the former Australian Prime Minister, yesterday added his voice to the growing clamour within the Commonwealth and Western Europe urging Britain to reconsider its threatened withdrawal from Unesco (David Cross writes).

Mr Whitlam, who now heads *his country's delegation to the* organization in Paris, told journalists in London yesterday that a British withdrawal would stop the whole process of Unesco reform in its tracks.

Commonwealth high commissioners are to press the same point on Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary in talks in London today amid reports that the British Government is on the point of deciding to withdraw from the organization.

IT SEEMED AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO START LOOKING FOR NORTH SEA OIL.



1965

A routine press conference in London, and an off the cuff remark by Shell UK's top geologist. Within minutes his comments are on every Editor's desk in Fleet Street, and by morning, being repeated the length and breadth of the country. While the sceptics scoff, the politicians pray. If what has been hinted at is indeed true, it will alter the economic and political fortunes of Britain for decades to come. Out in the North Sea, it is reported, Shell expects to strike oil.

1966

The financial markets of London buzz with anticipation following Shell's discreet announcement of a significant gas discovery 32 miles off the coast of East Anglia. Within two years Shell and other companies are bringing North Sea gas ashore, and with it a dramatic revival for the British gas industry. Plans are made for completely converting the National Grid to natural gas.

1967

Armed with the latest seismic data, two geologists from Shell set up a small office in a tiny flat, over a bookshop, in the centre of Aberdeen. It seems as good a place as any from which to tackle their awesome task. They have been instructed to begin exploration of the vast and hostile waters of the northern parts of the North Sea.

1971

At the northernmost offshore well yet drilled in the world, a veil of secrecy descends over Shell's activities. Communications with the mainland are suddenly coded through 'scrambler' phones. Information is rushed to Shell's scientists for prompt analysis. Until, as abruptly as they began, the exploration team cease all activity, seal the well, and are clearly seen making off for entirely new locations. A simple manoeuvre to ensure that nobody will guess what they have found.

1972

Shell proudly announces the discovery of what will prove to be a giant oil and gas find for Britain, the Brent Field.

1974

The latest analysis of the Brent Field shows that the possible reserves of oil and natural gas liquids are double the original estimate. With Britain's oil deficit still around £3.8 billion, the news is welcome indeed.

1976

The very high ratio of gas and gas liquids to oil being produced at Brent leads to a daring new scheme. A pipeline 278 miles long is to be laid on the seabed, to bring ashore the gas and gas liquids for separation. It will be the longest, and deepest, offshore pipeline ever built and is yet another challenge for British industry. Much of the technology required for North Sea development must be capable of operating in waves of up to 100 feet high, and in gusts of wind up to 100 miles per hour. In this instance, underwater cameras, side-scan sonars and computer systems are needed that will operate 600 feet beneath the sea.

1978

The scheme is a success. Now it will be possible to bring the gas and gas liquids ashore for further use. The gas will be extracted and fed into the National Grid.

It would be possible to split the remainder into ethane, butane, propane and natural gasoline important resources for industry. To do so, a highly advanced plant, costing many millions of pounds, will have to be specially built.

1980

Work begins on the £400 million Gas Liquids Plant being built by Shell at Mossmorran, and on the 138 mile pipeline that will feed it. Soon Mossmorran will be the largest construction site in Europe.

1982

Oil production from Brent approaches 310,000 barrels per day. This vast quantity helps transform Britain's oil deficit of yesteryear into a surplus of around £4.4 billion.

1984

A VIP gathering to witness the opening of the new Mossmorran plant. Distinguished speakers touch on one or two environmental aspects of the plant, such as how it has been built tucked into the contours of the land so as to be as unobtrusive as possible. Also mentioned are the industrial aspects, such as how the hydrocarbons being produced will ultimately be used in the manufacturing of a thousand and one household items, from lipsticks to records.

But above all, it is noted that the opening of Mossmorran marks the culmination of the twenty years in which Shell, and the countless number of smaller British companies that have worked for her, have invested thousands of millions of pounds and great skill and ingenuity in the North Sea.

With excitement, we all look forward to the next twenty years.

YOU CAN BE SURE OF SHELL 

Civilians face uphill task as Uruguay poll heralds generals' exit

From Douglas Tweedale, Montevideo

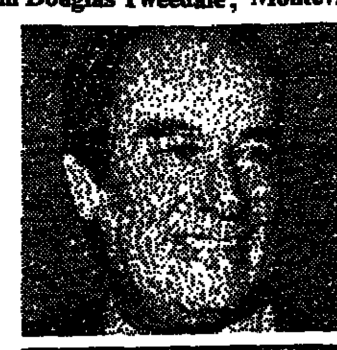
Uruguay goes to the polls on Sunday to put an end to the 11-year-old *military government* which citizens in this traditionally democratic country call an *aberration in their history.*

The normally staid streets of Montevideo, the capital, are awash with colour, with thousands of banners, advertising dozens of parties and factions, hanging from the balconies of once-grand buildings. Even in the quietest neighbourhood, loudspeaker lorries blare out campaign jingles, and politics has become the exclusive topic in street corner cafes where, not so long ago, a careless remark could land one in jail.

Two traditional middle-class parties, a powerful coalition of leftist groups, and a few smaller parties are contesting the race to replace the discredited military, which is due to hand over power on March 1, 1985. The winner will face the unenviable task of repairing a recession-ravaged economy, controlling the resentful military, and finding funds to finance the historically overburdened state sector at a time of declining export earnings.

The military seized control in 1973, one year after having defeated the left-wing Tupamaro terrorist movement, and banned all political parties in 1976. The generals committed themselves to a return to democracy in 1980 after a proposed consitutional amendment legitimizing their political role was defeated in a plebiscite. *They are leaving behind an* economy marked by 15 per cent unemployment, with real wages about 50 per cent lower than when they took office.

Still, there is no shortage of *civilian candidates, although* two of the three front-runners are in fact stand-ins. Señor *Wilson Ferreira Aldunate, the* charismatic leader of the traditional Blanco Party, is still in *jail on charges brought against* him by the military when he returned from exile last June. *And General Liber Seregeni,* a popular figure who leads the leftist Broad Front Frente *Amplio coalition,* was released from prison in March but is prohibited from standing.







The rivals: Señor Wilson Ferreira (top), Señor Sanguinetti (middle), General Seregni.

Despite the loss of their favourite candidates, both parties agreed to participate in the election anyway. The Blancos, who have been transformed under Señor Ferreira from a conservative party with roots among the landed oligarchy to a progressive, anti-military party attractive to younger voters, chose Señor Alberto Zumaran, a 49-year-old lawyer with a reputation for standing up to the military. Señor Zumaran has been barnstorming the country in a colourful "victory caravan" promoting his party's plans to nationalize foreign banks and carry out agrarian reform if elected. He has also vowed to call new elections "as soon as possible" to allow Señor Ferreira to stand.

The one candidate to have been the first choice of his party is the Colorado Party leader, Señor Julio Sanguinetti, who is thought by Western diplomats to hold a slight edge over Señor Zumaran. A 47-year-old lawyer, he describes himself as "a social democrat who realizes the limits of state power and advocates more orthodox economic policies than his rivals. Colorado Party strategists say Señor Sanguinetti offers voters "a calm transition to democracy".

The Broad Front, with Señor Juan José Crotoggini as a substitute for General Seregni, does not pretend to be in the running for the presidency with the Blancos and Colorados. But party insiders say they would be satisfied if they pull off an upset victory for the Montevideo mayoralty, something diplomatic observers say they might well do. With half the country's population of three million, *Montevideo is a valuable* political prize in itself, but the insiders say the Broad Front hopes to use it as a stepping-stone to national power in the 1989 elections.



Cover-up: Mr Shiner, one of the alleged conspirators, tries to shield his face as he is taken to a Cairo bank to withdraw the $90,000 which police say was his share.

Envoy sees Briton held in Cairo

From Alice Brinton
Cairo

A British consular officer yesterday became the first foreign representative to meet Mr William Gill, one of the four-man "hit squad" allegedly sent here by Libya to kill a former Libyan Prime Minister, Mr Abdel-Hamid Bakoush.

Egyptian newspapers describe Mr Gill as the ringleader of the team, which includes another Briton, Mr Godfrey Shiner, and two Maltese. They were arrested last Saturday before President Mubarak announced that Egyptian security forces had foiled an attempt to assassinate Mr Bakoush by faking photographs which showed him lying in a pool of blood. This tricked Libya into announcing he had been executed.

On Monday, the British Ambassador, Sir Michael Weir, met Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials. A British Embassy spokesman said consular officers are expected to meet the other three defendants "over the next few days". Britain handles all consular affairs for Malta in Egypt.

Mr Gill has been quoted as "confessing" to his interrogators that the Libyans were *plotting to assassinate a number* of world leaders, including Mrs Margaret Thatcher, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and West Germany's Chancellor Kohl. A leading Cairo newspaper, *Al-Akbar*, announced that a three-man German security delegation would arrive in Cairo today to follow up on the terrorists' confessions".

Mr Gill's wife, Rosemary, who lives near Colchester in Essex, plans to fly to Egypt to be near her husband, but embassy officials here have advised her to delay her trip.

10,000 Germans face death unless Aids cure found

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

West Germany is considering drastic measures to halt the spread of Aids, which experts say may affect more than 100,000 people in the country.

A leading virologist said that unless a cure was *discovered or* ways were found to curb the disease, about 10,000 Germans would be expected to *die of* Aids in the next six years.

Among measured being considered are the obligatory registration by health authorities of each new case, compulsory tests and inspections of those groups – mainly homosexuals and drug addicts – thought to be most at risk, a ban on giving blood by high-risk groups and legal sanctions against victims who have sexual relations with those unaffected.

This last proposal, based on a 1927 law, entails possible imprisonment of up to three years, but it has raised an outcry. Not ony would it be hard to enforce, but many do not show symptoms of the disease until at least three years after *catching it*, during which they are able to infect others. Homosexual groups say the proposal will lead to a witch-hunt and stir up public prejudice.

Health experts have warned against over-dramatizing the dangers and say only 100 people have shown definite symptoms, and a further 50 have died. But they *admit the disease could* reach epidemic proportions, particularly in big cities

West German law provides for strict measures to combat venereal disease, which were enforced after the war. But the nature of the new disease may mean that a special law would have to be passed, which might be challenged in the constitutional court. There have been growing public calls, however, for the closure of saunas and gay bars in West Germany along the lines of the measures introduced in San Francisco.

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Israeli oil hunt backed by Hammer

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Mr Armand Hammer, the Jewish American multi-millionaire and head of Occidental Petroleum, has announced the formation of a consortium which will launch an extensive hunt for oil in Israel next year.

The unexpected announce*ment was made at a dinner in* Los Angeles attended by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli *Foreign Minister*, and widely reported here yesterday.

According to Israel radio, *drilling by the consortium, in* which Mr Hammer is personally investing $1m (£800,000) is *due to start next February*.

The octogenarian tycoon, who has only recently espoused Israeli causes, sait that no more than 300 exploratory oil wells have been dug in Israel, in contrast to the 5,000 sunk last year in the United States.

Exact details of which countries supply Israel with its vital supplies are subject to strict *military censorship*. At the Los Angeles dinner, Mr Hammer also disclosed that he will have a meeting in Moscow in January with Mr Konstantin Chernenko, the Soviet leader *and would* "discuss the situation of the Jews in Russia and try to raise the level of *emigration*".

Yesterday, the Tel Aviv newspaper *Ha'aretz* reported on its front page that Mr Hammer has also been approached by Mr Shimon Peres, Israel's new Prime Minister, as part of the Government's attempt to resolve the dispute over the Red Sea coastal strip at Taba by finding an outside investor willing to buy and operate its tourism facilities.

Red Cross pact aim by two Koreas

From David Watts
Tokyo

The legacy of human misery left by two wars in the Korean peninsula may be partially alleviated soon with the agreement yesterday to reopen full-scale Red Cross talks between North and South Korea.

About 10 million Koreans, North and South, have been separated by war from relatives to whom the resumption of talks brings hope of being reunited or being able to visit the grave of a loved one.

Yesterday's *meeting* of Red Cross delegations from North and South was the first contact between the two organizations in seven years. They agreed to reopen discussions in Seoul but *no definite date has been fixed.* The two sides will agree a date by telephone. Yesterday South Korea proposed *December 18* and North Korea proposed January 23.

The last time the two sides met for working-level talks was in 1977

Now the atmosphere is several degrees warmer. After last week's successful initial economic talks there were smiles and warm handshakes all round yesterday at the border truce village of Panmunjom. Mr Cho Chill Hwa, the chief delegate of South Korea, said the prevailing trend was for reconciliation across differing ideologies and systems.

Just as the talks of the early 1970s were aimed at reopening a dialogue which might lead to eventual reunification, so that hope was revived yesterday.

Recalling the acceptance by the South of flood relief aid from the North the chief *Southern delegate went on:* "Our recent acceptance of your side's offer of materials for *flood victims was motivated by* our wish to set a precedent for mutual help between members of the same nation, and, with this as an impetus, to reopen the avenue of suspended dialogue and broaden the road to mutual cooperation in humanitarian areas."

US tones down Karpov row

Salonika (Reuter) – The United States chess team *captain* yesterday criticized a decision to allow Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet world *champion, to join the* twenty-sixth Chess Olympiad taking place here. But he condemned a threat by *the leading US player*, Roman Dzindzichasvili, a former Soviet citizen, to withdraw if Karpov plays.

US players said they thought the English, French and West Germans shared their views on the Karpov issue. But sources here said the English team captain, David Anderton, had argued at a captain's meeting yesterday in favour of admitting Karpov.

Results of the top-seeded nations: Soviet Union 4.0, Malaysia 0.0; Hungary 3.5, United Arab Emirates 0.5; Yugoslavia 3.5, New *Zealand 0.5; Czechoslovakia* 2.5, Sri Lanka 1.5; Netherlands 4.0, Bangladesh 0.0; United States 3.5, *Paraguay 0.5; England 3.5, Thai*land 0.5; Tunisia 1, Iceland 1; West Germany 4, Hongkong 0; Sweden 3, Egypt 0.

Cholera scare

Hongkong (Reuter) – The first case of cholera has been reported in Hongkong for more than two years but the colony has not been declared an infected area. It was considered an isolated case.

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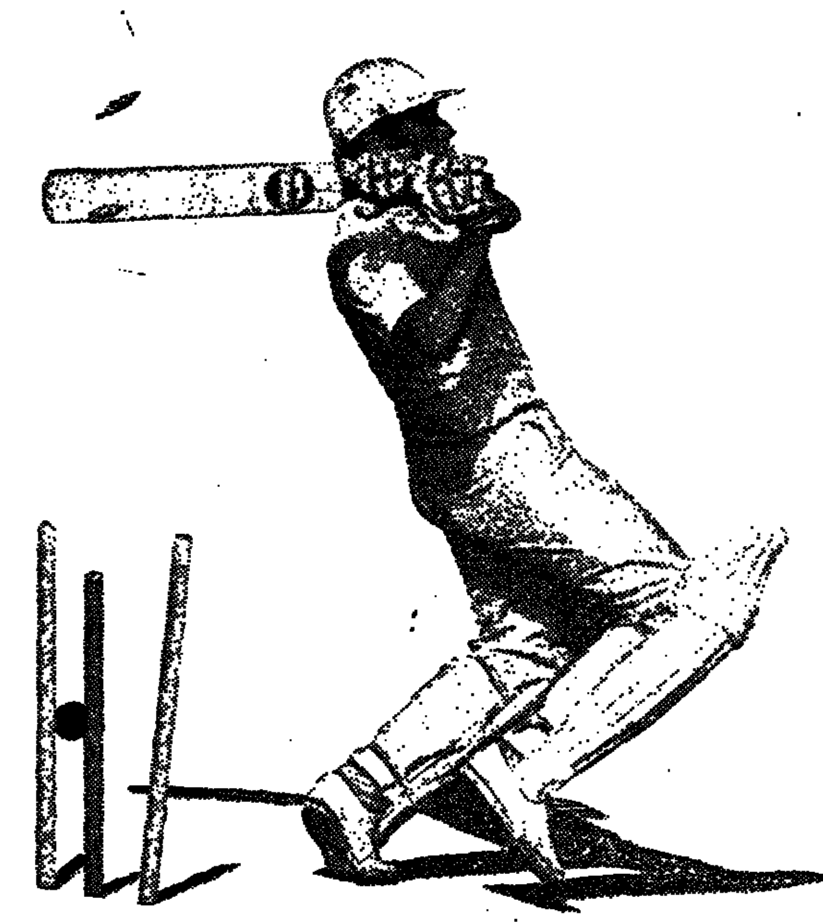
Once more the world is beating us at our own game. And it's not cricket.



After the war Britain was 3rd largest steel producer. Now we are 10th.



In 1900 Britain made 60% of the world's shipping. Today we make 3%.



Britain once exported motor bikes to over 100 countries. Now we import almost every machine we buy.



Before the War almost every car on our roads was British. Now well over half are foreign.



Britain pioneered the world machine tool industry. Our share is now 3.1%.



Britain discovered the wireless. We now import 96% of our portable radios.



Britain made the first practical computer. We now have only 5% of the Information Technology market.



We once made all the textile machinery in the world. We now make 8%.



Last year Britain even imported 65% of our sports equipment. How's that!

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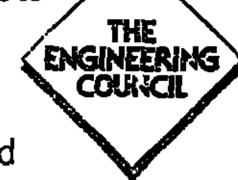
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Kinnock visit a pointer to Soviet intentions on arms talks

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The visit to Moscow by Mr Neil Kinnock the Labour Party leader, which begins today is part of a growing Anglo-Soviet connexion which the Kremlin hopes will give fresh impetus to East-West relations.

Diplomats say Mr Kinnock's talks with President Chernenko, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Kremlin second-in-command, and other Soviet leaders, will provide clues to how far Russia is prepared to go to get arms talks with the West started again. Mr Chernenko hinted this week that he might meet President Reagan at a summit, provided "postive results" could be guaranteed.

"It looks as if the Russians will roll out the red carpet for Kinnock" an observer said. "They would not do so just to encourage the Labour Party" British diplomats deny that Britain is being used as an intermediary by Russia at a time when, Soviet American relations are under strain.

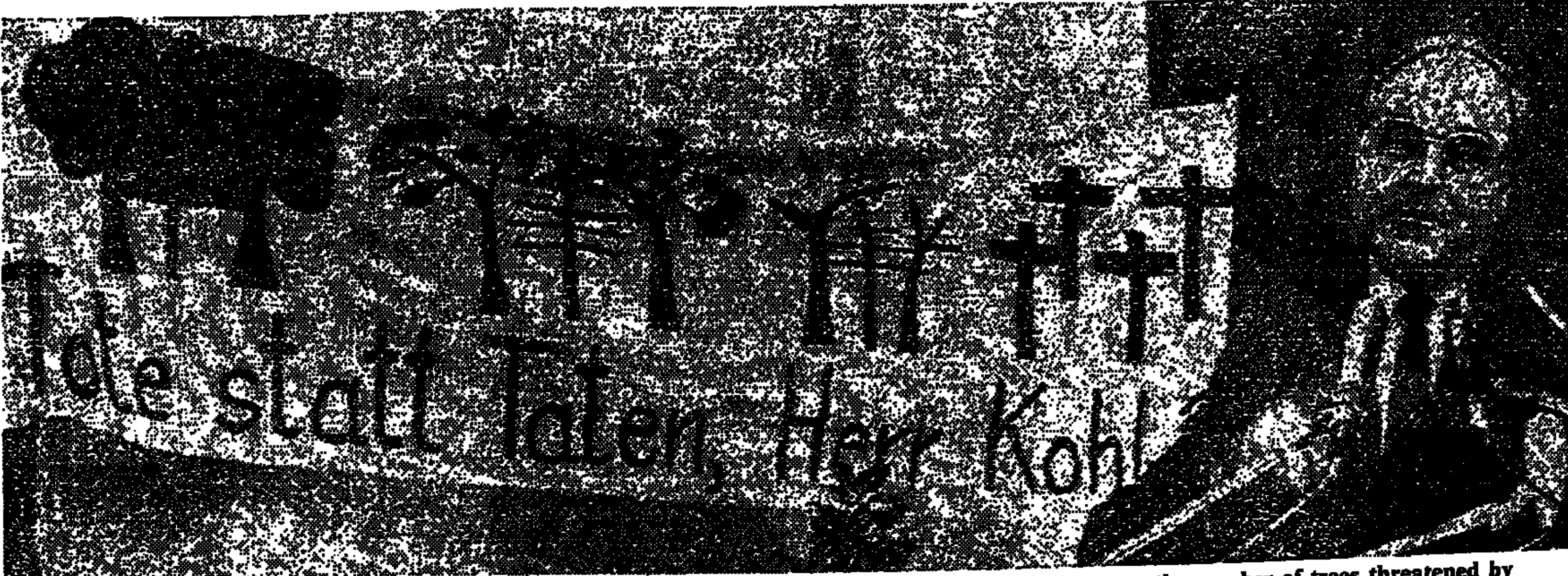
But the Kinnock visit, coming shortly before Mr Corbachov's visit to London next month and the trip by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Froeign Minister, to *Britain* early next year, is part of a "thickening of Anglo-Soviet contacts" during a crucial period when the Kremlin is reassessing its policies in the light of presidentreagans re-election.

Mr Kinnock, accompanied by his wife Glenys is due to arrive in Moscow this evening on an Aeroflot flight.

The last Labour Party leader to visit Moscow was Mr Michael Foot, in 1981. He did not impress Soviet leaders with his grasp of nuclear disarmament issues, but Mr Kinnock in expect to prove a more astute interlocutor, despite his lack of experience on the international stage.

He will have Mr Denis Healey, chief opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, at his elbow to provide heavyweight experience, but Mr Kinnock's Kremlin encounters will still be an important political test.

Unilateral disarmanent and the miners' strike could prove awkward issues. The Soviet Union has applauded Labour's commitment to the abolition of US nuclear missile bases in Britain and a conventional rather than nuclear defence strategy. But unilateralism is a policy which, the Russians argue applies to others and not to them.



Acid criticism: Chancellor Kohl addressing foresters in Cologne yesterday as conservationists protest at the number of trees threatened by acid rain. The banner reads: Death in place of action, Herr Kohl?

Bonn blazes trail to Warsaw

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, begins a three-day visit to Poland today, the first by a Nato foreign minister since the lifting of martial law. The visit is intended as a signal by Bonn of the West's wish to restore normal relations and bring Poland out of its political isolation.

In an effort to avoid the controversy which followed the visit to Warsaw by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Herr Genscher will not hold any talks with *former* Solidarity supporters, nor visit the grave of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the priest murdered by Polish security agents. But he will doubtless express Bonn's concern in his talks with General Jaruzelski, the party leader, Mr Stefan Olszowski, the Foreign Minister, and Cardinal Glemp, the Roman Catholic Primate.

The visit, for which Herr Genscher has been pressing hard, was thrown into doubt last summer after accusations in Warsaw and Moscow of West German revanchism and the cancellation of visits here by Est German and Bulgarian leaders.

Herr Gescher is determined to keep open a dialogue with East Europe, however, and is preparing visits to Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Yugoslavia in the next months. On Monday, he requested a meeting with Mr Vladimir Semyonov, the Soviet Ambassador, at which he expressed Bonn's satisfaction at Soviet readiness to resume a dialogue with the United States and underlined the role European states could play by increasing bilateral cooperation.

East-West relations will be the main theme of the Warsaw talks. But Herr Genscher will also seek to allay Polish fears of revanchism in West Germany, repeating statements he has made that Europe's frontiers are inviolable. In an important gesture, he will lay a wreath at Auschwitz.

Threat of early Danish poll over UN vote

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

A political crisis is looming in Denmark after Mr Poul Schluter, the country's Conservative Prime Minister, threatened to call early general elections over Denmark's Nato role and the defence and foreign policies of his minority centre-right administration.

The leftist majority in the influential parliamentary foreign policy committee, led by the Opposition Social Democrats, recommended yesterday that Denmark, which now holds a seat on the United Nations Security Council, *should abstain from voting for* a controversial draft resolution banning the first use of nuclear weapons globally.

The draft UN resolution, tabled by Cuba, East Germany and Hungary, is considered "propagandist" by the Danish Government, which has given the country's UN delegation instructions to vote against it at its disarmament committee stage this week, in defiance of the majority in the Danish Parliament, but in line with the stance of all Denmark's Nato allies except Greece.

The first result of the Government's move was an Opposition call for a parliamentary debate

Mitterrand and Kohl pave way for US trip

From Diana Geddes Paris

The resumption of East-West arms talks and the enlargement of the European community were the main topics discussed by President Mitterrand of France and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany at their summit here.

Monday evening's meeting came 10 days before Herr Kohl's official visit to the United States and a fortnight before the European summit in Dublin on December 3 and 4. Chancellor Kohl has already met Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the British Prime Minister, and Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, to seek their views on East-West relations and thus present a coordinated European view to President Reagan next week.

At a joint press conference after a working dinner at the Elysée palace on Monday night, Herr Kohl said it was "important that the friends and allies of the United States say clearly that 1985 must be the year of negotiation".

President Reagan had achieved a brilliant victory at the polls and was in a good position to resume discussions with Moscow, he said. "It is important to seize every opportunity to open a serious negotiation with the Soviet Union. I am convinced that the right moment has now come."

Turning to European affairs, President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl reaffirmed their desire to see Spain and Portugal enter the Community by January 1, 1986, although M Mitterrand emphasized the necessity first to examine the economic difficulties inherent in the enlargement of the EEC.

"It should be possible to find a compromise over a transition period of 10 years," M Mitterrand said.

Herr Kohl said it was essential to reach agreement on that question over the next two weeks because it would be "terrible for European politics if there was now a delay [to Spain and Portugal's entry] with unforeseeable consequences.

Asked about the alleged Libyan plot to kill certain Western leaders, including those of France and West Germany, President Mitterrand, who has come under severe criticism at home for agreeing to meet Colonel Gaddafi while Libyan troops were still in Chad, said with a dry smile: "if that happens, you will be told."

Rajiv gives warning on Pakistan

Delhi. – Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, who flew to Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh, yesterday to file nomination papers for his old Amethi Lok Sabha seat, found time to warn the country that the modern weapons which Pakistan was stockpiling might be used against India. Mrs Menaka Gandhi, his sister-in-law, is filing her papers today to fight against him (Kuldip Nayar writes).

Addressing a conference of air force commanders' in Delhi, he said that whenever there was "a build-up like this in Pakistan with outside link-up, invariably India had suffered."

Unlike his mother Mr Gandhi refrained from naming the United States, which is attacked for supplying the latest weapons

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Tamils kill 16 in raid on police station

From Donovan Moldrich, Colombo

Sixteen policemen were killed yesterday when Tamil separatist rebels in Sri Lanka's northern province launched a massive attack on the police station at Chavakachcheri, about 10 miles from Jaffna.

The rebels attacked the police station and its adjoining barracks with guns and bombs after placing roadblocks on approach roads. Police sources in Colombo said that army reinforcements sent to assist the police had encountered roadblocks and mines.

The police loss of life was the heaviest in any single clash with the rebels. The previous worst loss of life among the armed services was when 13 soldiers were killed in a vehicle that was blown up by a landmine on July 24 last year.

Dr Wickrema Weerasooria, chairman of the media committee, disclosed last week that a total of 96 service personnel had been killed by rebels since 1977, consisting of 55 police, 34 army, four air force and three navy personnel.

On Monday a colonel was killed in a landmine explosion and with the death of the 16 policemen yesterday the total of service casualties rose to 113. The Government yesterday posthumously promoted the colonel killed on Monday to the rank of Brigadier.

Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, the Minister of National Security, yesterday called on the people to honour the Brigadier's memory by acting responsibly and with caution.

Plea to end hanging in Jamaica

By Colin Harding

Jamaica should drop the death penalty for murder, Amnesty International argues in a report published today. Hangings were resumed in 1980, after a four-year break, although a committee appointed by Parliament was still examining the issue. Twenty-four prisoners have since been executed.

The committee, headed by a former judge of the Trinidad and Tobago Supreme Court, Mr H. Aubrey Fraser, subsequently recommended that the death penalty should be phased out and that all sentences imposed before March 1981 should be commuted to life imprisonment. The committee said it could find no correlation between the crime rate and use of the death penalty.

A high rate of violent crime in Jamaica, including a large number of gang shootings, helps to account for the widespread popular support for hanging. But the Fraser Committee found little evidence that the death penalty had any deterrent value. Many of those sentenced to die were guilty of heat-of-the-moment killings and had never before been convicted of any crimes.

There were more than 150 prisoners under sentence of death when an Amnesty mission visited Jamaica in November 1983. Amnesty's report found that most were poor and uneducated.

Jamaica: The Death Penalty. (Amnesty International, 5 Roberts Place, London EC1R OEJ; £2).



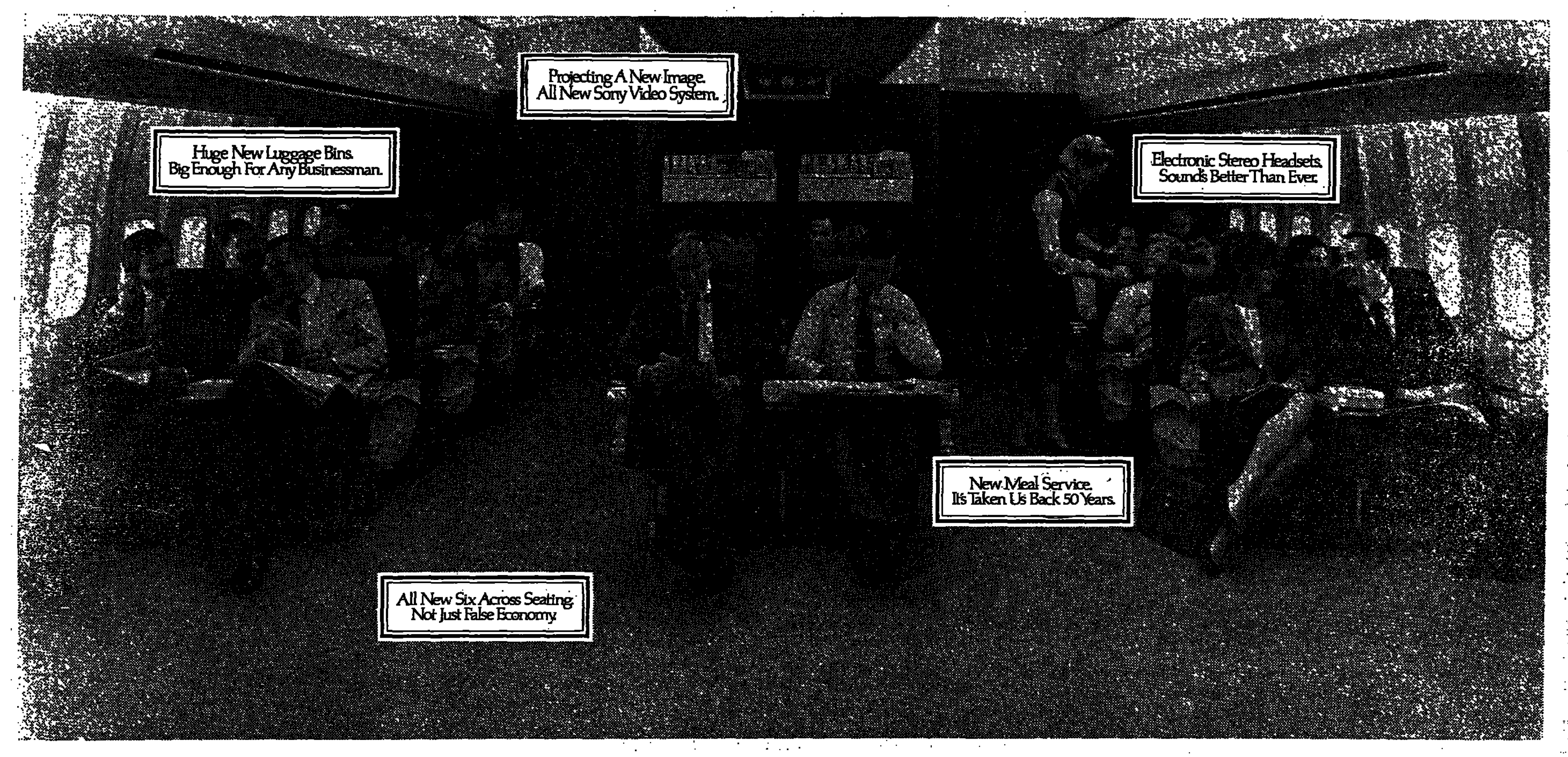
Siles Zuazo may quit

Señor Hernan Siles Zuazo, aged 71, Bolivia's left-wing President (above), faced with a six-day-old general strike and pressure from the righ-wing Opposition, has offered to step down next August, according to his Interior Minister.

The President is prepared to cut his four-year term short by a year and call an early election on August 6, Señor Federico Alvarez Plata, the Interior Minister told journalists.

Señor Alvarez Plata said the President's decision had broken a deadlock in a national dialogue between political parties called by the Roman Catholic Church to resolve Bolivia's economic and political crisis.

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Cocktail Shakers

Three [illegible] dashing [illegible] It comes [illegible] the [illegible] to lighter and more [illegible]

[illegible] taffeta or bias-draped [illegible] ses a couture flavour [illegible] mixed materials appear right through the [illegible] and often reflect street style [illegible] worn over shiny lycra leotards [illegible] clubs [illegible] set the pace. Even accessories have been shaken up, with evening shoes mixing heavy metal with soft suede. From the shiny cocktail shakers has come also a new trend for jewels – mixed metals from base or brass to bold gold.

You need to know what you are doing when you mix different materials into one body shape [illegible] Here, to welcome the party season, are some fashion recipes for dressing and where the different cocktails are being served up. The extra ingredient is [illegible]



DAVID FIELDEN's *Sunset Boulevard*: Ruched lamé dress with spotted net skirt, to order from David Fielden, 137 King's Road, SW3. Shoes from ..d à Terre. Gold and diamond necklace and bracelet from Gucci



TERENCE NOLDER

Rattlesnake
1 measure black velvet
2 parts flocked lamé
Dash of moc croc
Squeeze a heart-shaped velvet bodice with snake print lamé panel and knee-length skirt. Served up at Harrods, £159.

SWANKY MODES

Silk Stocking
1 measure wool jersey
Dollop sparkling lamé
Twist sex appeal
Tie a hip-hugging scarlet bow round a halter tube, £62, Swanky Modes, 106 Camden Road, NW1 or Miss Selfridge.

LORCAN MULLANY

Thunderer
1 measure black moiré
Spoonful lace
Sprinkling of sequins
Short moiré skirt set on a long-sleeved sequin laced bodice, £340, Harrods; Panache, Liverpool; Dressage, Southport.

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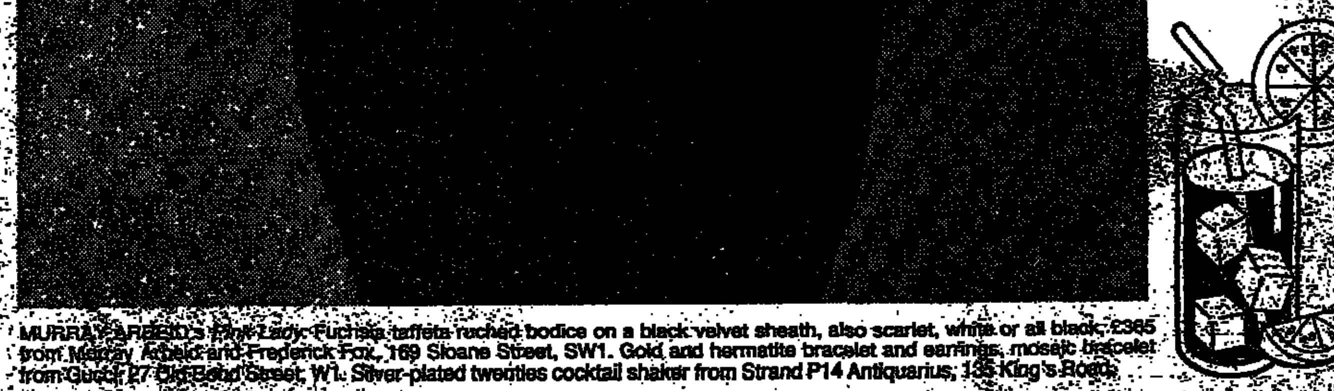
On the Rocks
Large measure satin crepe
Diced rhinestones
Back buttons
Sprinkle glitter down the sleeve and cuffs of a black crepe dress, £235 from Options at Austin Reed, Regent Street.

BRUCE OLDFIELD

Northern Comfort
Generous measure sequins
2 cashmere cuffs
1 ribbed hem
Shake a V-necked sequinned dress and add ribbing at sleeves and hem, £720 from Bruce Oldfield, 27 Beauchamp Place.



JACQUES AZAGURY's [illegible] black velvet bodice with [illegible] organdie skirt, also silver and black, £425 from Harrods, Harvey Nichols [illegible] Black satin shoes from Pied à Terre. Hair by [illegible] Make-up using Helena Rubinstein's Bijoux Colour Collection Palette [illegible] All jewellery from Gucci's [illegible] Coccodrillo collection from Gucci, 27 Old Bond Street, W1. Photographs by JOHN SWANNELL.



MURRAY ARBEID's *Pink Lady*: Fuchsia taffeta ruched bodice on a black velvet sheath, also scarlet, white or all black, £365 from Murray Arbeid and Frederick Fox, 169 Sloane Street, SW1. Gold and hermatite bracelet and earrings, mosaic bracelet from Gucci, 27 Old Bond Street, W1. Silver-plated twenties cocktail shaker from Strand P14 Antiquarius, 135 King's Road.

ANNIE GOUGH

Hawaiian Peach
1 measure velvet
Dash of lace
Sliver of satin
Asymmetric velvet dress with lace on shoulders and satin hip bow, £365, from Peter Jones; Robert Buchanan, Edinburgh.

JAN VAN VELDEN

Scarlet Screwdriver
1 long measure velvet
Froth of tulle
Twist of scarlet satin
Black velvet strapless sheath with spotted tulle panels and duchesse satin sash, £850, Droopy & Browns, New Bond Street.

CAROLINE CHARLES

Tequila Sunset
1 part spot net
1 part velvet
2 naked shoulders
Take a velvet bodice, whip up a scarlet net skirt and dance, £253, Caroline Charles, 11 Beauchamp Place, SW3; Caroline's Collection, Guernsey; Christian Roberts.

ROLAND KLEIN

California Cool
1 measure striped satin
Pinch of black jersey
Twist of bow sash
Pour a skimpy black vest top on to a ballet-length satin skirt in black with cerise, red or blue stripes, £169, Roland Klein, 26a Brook Street; Harrods; Roberta, Christchurch; Foxy, Aberdeen.

NIPON

Reagan's Delight
1 measure scarlet wool crepe
Dash of velvet
Dollop of cream collar
Take a generous measure of full-circle skirt on a button-through dress with velvet edge and belt and white collar with satin bow, £159, Harrods; Harvey Nichols; Tizzie Dee, Cheltenham.

JANICE WAINWRIGHT

Black Velvet
3 parts velvet
2 parts satin
Twist of hips
Pipe satin down the seams of a velvet cardigan jacket and trousers in black, claret, green, £275 from Harvey Nichols, Selfridges; Lace, Salisbury; Quartet, Walton-on-Thames.

ALEXON

Modern Times
1 measure black lace
Two equal parts lambswool/angora
Shake out a short black lace skirt, £120, add a back-buttoned black sweater, £29, also in red, from Alexon, 60 Conduit Street W1 and Cheltenham, Chester and Nottingham.

Put a sparkle on your face for the winter season

BEAUTY REPORT

Your face as a priceless treasure – if not an antique – is the beauty theme for the glitter season. Make-up gleams like jewels, the rich colours laid out together on a palette tray. Iridescent effects, spray-on sparkles and high lustre all give a sense of the rich and rare. The big-name houses even draw their inspiration from the great art treasures of the past.

A pearly shine to a lip-gloss and a shimmering golden khaki eye-shadow lights up the face we painted on the model on this page. The luminous colours come from Helena Rubinstein's Bijoux Colour Collection, which takes the gemstone shades and sets them in a palette.

Jewel Box Colours is the evocative name Yardley give to their latest eye effects, including eye-shadow duos (at £1.60) which mix a glistening garnet bronze with a frosted pearl or a sparkling gold Opulent Magenta. Colorfast from Max Factor have long-lasting lipsticks (£2.95) in their Rich as Rubies range that all have iridescent particles in the strong reds and pinks. The image is ritzy, but the jewel colours come through to the mass market with Sainbury's J range that includes Ruby Fire, Fuchsica Quartz and Burnished Gold lipsticks (£1.35) with matching nail polish.

Sparkle and shimmer are not new for cosmetics, but research and technology have now refined the glitter looks. The silky Kanebo make-up, for example, comes gilded with flashes of gold or bronze for eye-shadow and cheek colour.

Opalescent finishes give a fashionably frosted effect to Maxi's Holiday on Ice collection of lustre lipsticks and nail enamels. They also make Ice Pink and Blue colouring pencils for drawing in eyes, and a fun roll-on body glitter in electric blue and green. Glitter sprays are another way of painting on a party look, used for hair as well by a generation for whom coloured hair is a litmus test of style. Eleanor Moore's glitter sprays in gold, silver or rainbow effects are on sale at British Home Stores.

A Grand Tour travelling trunk sets the tone for Lancome's autumn make-up, rich in leather browns and dull brass. It could be just what we need to keep up with the forays to far-flung places and lost civilizations that are a potent theme for the leading beauty houses. Estée Lauder drew her inspiration for the season from Colours from Primitive Worlds, which means a subtle blend of warm ceramic and cooler stoneware, the spicy glow of tribal masks and totems, the subtle glimmer of bronzes.

The Lost Colours of Samarkand have been unearthed by Revlon, whose shades are based on brown and coral, lit with frosty rose-pink lipstick or the soft metallic gleam of glamorously gold eye-shadow. Mademoiselle Chanel's famous coromandel screens that gave an exotic touch to her Paris apartment have given their name and glowing colours to Coromandel eye-shadows, imperial red lipsWand Chinese gold shadow.

The ultimate in iridescents is Yves Saint Laurent Beaute's lipstick (£6) in fire-flame red, pearled with pink and named Amarante, the poetic flower that we call Love lies Bleeding.

Playing with colour is the message that keeps coming through the cosmetic ranges from Ultima II's Great Designer Colours, all strong and subtle, based on reds and browns, through to Elizabeth Arden's provocatively named Colourplays in vibrant gingers and pinks.

The outrageous and artistic effects created by the post-punks, who use their faces as a canvas, is now having an effect on cosmetic houses on the young wavelength. Dramatic Art is how No 7 describe their palette of rich and burnished colours with pearl and enamel effects in the Jaipur and Kashmir nail and lip colours. The Boots 17 range has that silvery sixties space-age feel to its Metallix range, offered in a cosmetic kit called Colour Cabaret (£6.95). Miner's shine-on colour and lip-gloss wand (99p) gives opalescent effects to match the electric blues and brilliant pinks of the eye-colours of their Shooting Star collection. Mary Quant simply calls her high-tech colours Out Of This World.

From Mary Quant this month comes a book* to tell you how to use colour, not just in make-up but for fashion. Employing basic photographs and stylish sketches, Mary Quant, who must rate as the beauty world's Peter Pan, offers some sound advice and fun ideas for young dressing.

Barbara Daly will be forever pinned down as the make-up artist who made up Princess Diana's face on her wedding day. Her practical and informative book* for Marks and Spencer, shows, in clear pictures, the tricks of the trade.

Those women who think that a battery of cosmetics is all you need will be surprised to learn that to Barbara Daly the single most important factor is the light you make up by – soft daylight for daytime make-up and twin anglepoises tuned on you for night-time.

The professional beauty seems to be the latest starring role for a group of American actresses, who like us to believe that we can look like them at the touch of an eye-pencil. You get an awful lot of Victoria Principal in her new beauty book*, and some good advice.

Additional material by Christine Painell

*Colour by Quant, *Octopus Books, £7.95;* Make-up Made Easy, *by Barbara Daly, from Marks & Spencer;* The Beauty Principal, *by Victoria Principal, Hamlyn, £8.95.*

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

: this is the last piece I shall rite before returning to my ative Russia. I feel I must try explain why I am taking this ajor step.

I first came to the West about 0 years ago as a very junior member of a humour and satire elegation, and stayed when the thers went back. I did *not* efect. I just became lost at leathrow, and spent days andering around the airport, ometimes seeing my luggage oing in the opposite direction. nstead of sinking into motional despair, as many a Russian would, I sent an ccount of my experiences to *Punch* magazine, where it was ublished as an example of nternational domestic humour.

I soon found that I had many of the requisites of an English comic writer of the old school – hat is, I was accident-prone, mis-read instructions on packages, had washing-machines hat broke down, and went to he wrong place on holiday. The KGB made several attempts to kidnap me and take me back to Russia but, as I was always turning up at the wrong rendezvous, going home to the wrong house and getting into a bus going the wrong way, they soon gave up; they simply couldn't find me.

(It is my belief, by the way, that the West's major secret weapon against Communism is inefficiency. The Communist world can never believe that the West is capable of being as inefficient as they are.)

I duly changed my name from Milos Kontunov, acquired a family, house and Barclaycard, and even developed a tolerance to your almost unbearably mild winters. But I now realize that I have been bitterly unhappy the whole time I have been here. A Russian cut off from his mother soil is like a tree growing underwater. Not a day has passed without my missing my sister and brother, Dacha and Lada, my parents, my friends and my little dog, who in my absence has grown up to be a big dog and, indeed, has been dead since 1972. All these years I could have been close to them, writing humorous articles about them, using them as humorous fodder.

I miss everything about Russia. A Westerner cannot possibly understand how a Russian humorist misses the queues, the bureaucracy, the amiable corruption, the way Stalin pops in and out of favour. I miss the long winter nights, the snow in the trees, the warmth of the breath of a million vodka-drinkers (Vodka, of course, does not smell. That is how we know when a man is drunk in Russia: his breath reeks of nothing).

From time to time I have bumped into other Russians here and the aching nostalgia increases. I once encountered Svetlana Peters at Heathrow in 1976 (I was still looking for my luggage). She, of course, hated to be thought of as the daughter of Stalin, which was one reason she kept changing her name.

"You are Svetlana!" I greeted her. "Daughter of the great tyrant, Joseph Peters!" She gave me an icy look and swept on. She was an American star by then, of course, a sort of Svetlana Turner. And who knows, I may meet her again in Moscow, at the place where we are trained for press conferences. For later today I am due to fly out of Britain and never see these shores again. So, it is farewell – and my parting message is: if you find my luggage, you can keep it.

LATER: I have made a terrible mistake. I arrived at Heathrow on time. Unfortunately, the flight left from Gatwick. The KGB have sent me a message to say that I am a hopeless case, and no longer welcome. So please ignore this article: I shall be back here tomorrow as usual. Waiter, another vodka!

Charles Knevitt looks at how the architect Richard Seifert redrew London's skyline . . .

Brickbats and mortar

Ask the man on the Clapham omnibus to name Britain's leading post-war architect and the chances are that Colonel Richard Seifert will be in the top three. Sir Basil Spence and John Poulson would be my guess as the other two, for their very different reasons, with Sir Hugh Casson a plausible fourth.

The colonel, who will be 74 on Sunday, and is the subject of a major London exhibition, deserves his place in the history of rebuilding London after the Blitz, as the most prolific and commercially successful architect of the era. While Wren built less than 80 prominent landmarks in the capital, Seifert has built hundreds. Virtually all are of a scale and design which make them instantly recognizable, and intrusive.

Look across the West End and there is Centre Point. In the City, the NatWest Tower, Britain's tallest at 600ft; Knightsbridge, the Park Tower hotel, with the Penta hotel and Royal Garden hotel not too far away, in Cromwell Road and Kensington. Heading for the M1 you will drive past the Metropole hotel on Edgware Road; if Birmingham or Manchester is your destination by train then Euston Square will greet you where the famous Arch used to be. Commuting south, then London Bridge House marks the terminus.

But Seifert has never been an architect's architect; rather the epitome of the developer's architect, a term used pejoratively by his peers in the profession, although he claims that all architects share that type of client. As he concluded his lecture to the Royal Institute of British Architects last night: "We practise in a world very different from that of Wren, Inigo Jones, Soane and Palladio. We are no longer our own architectural masters."

Who then *are* the profession's architectural masters? The answer, of course, is predominantly the corporate and anonymous entities that exercise patronage today and reflect, for better or for worse, society's prevailing values. Among them are banks, pension funds and insurers; developers who put the deals together with estate agents; and government at all levels through regulation and control. Patronage of this character has produced an age marked by a few good buildings but no great architecture. Needless to say, the good are rarely speculative office blocks.

Seifert attributes his success to hard work, dedication to his clients, a flexible approach and the need to keep pace with new materials and techniques leading to innovation through technology. Add to those factors immense personal charm, an intimate knowledge of planning law, skilled negotiation with officials and a flair for coming up with the appropriate image of the year.

Seifert set up in practice on his own account 50 years ago. Apart from the war years he was building at a modest pace, houses (individual and estates) in north London, and industrial schemes such as Hovedean, near Brighton. Although he is anxious now to play down the influence of any one client, the rise and rise of the architect during the "Property Boom" phenomenon can be pinned down to, in Seifert's own words, "being in the right place at the right time".

Seifert's lucky break came in the early 1950s; the place was Marylebone Road. When Seifert was in his early-40s the man who was to become his most important client was in his mid-20s. That client was Harry Hyams, who developed a speculative office block which became known as Woolworth House with his two partners, Jack Rose and Felix Fenston.

Speculative office blocks for Hyams' empire were the bread and butter of the colonel's practice for the next 15 years. Woolworth House, completed in 1955 but unlet until four years later, is probably his best building, though noticeable by its absence from the exhibition. There followed Space House in Kingsway, Planet House in Baker Street, Centre Point, London Bridge House and Drapers Gardens, among the best known. The last of these was let to National Westminster Bank which, the colonel claims, led directly to the NatWest Tower commission. "A grateful client always comes back", he says.

Hyams made £27m by the age of 39 largely thanks to the diligence of his principal architect; between 1955 and 1966 Seifert's practice grew from about 12 employees to about 200, with a turnover hovering around £25m a year, thanks to his developer's patronage.

But if the practice stopped expanding with the 1974 property crash, then it also diversified into other types of work and into working abroad. An hotel in Turkey, a bank in Cairo, a bank headquarters in Lisbon, a marina in Mexico and a mixed commercial development in the United States are among current projects, as well as the proposed refurbishment of the Midland Hotel, Manchester, and a scheme for Limehouse Basin in London's Docklands.

His son, John, aged 35, is being groomed to succeed him, but the firm today is seen very much as just one of many large, commercial architectural practices producing a particular product. But just as some lobbying is beginning to start for a reappraisal of Sir Basil Spence's controversial career and contribution to architecture, so too Seifert has those, like Simon Jenkins, who say the current exhibition at the Heinz Gallery is the right opportunity to take another look.

The Times asked six architects and critics what had been the colonel's contribution, including John Harris, the curator who invited him in from the cold to the warmth of the RIBA's gallery. Though they have all been critical of his work in the past, significantly they all agree that he represents probably better than any other living architect the "spirit of the age".

Within that context the architecture of Colonel Seifert is likely to be judged on three issues: he was a success in giving his clients what they wanted and it was society that let him do it; his styles were derivative from contemporary movements, widely acceptable and often popular, at least with members of the public; and he was an innovator in construction techniques.

Like it or loathe it, history will probably be kinder to the colonel's architecture than his contemporaries. Some will never forgive him for what he has done to London, but he is right when he sees the era as part of an experimental process.

Architecture may never be the same again. But if Colonel Richard Seifert had never existed, surely he would have been invented as one of the profession's bogeymen. Like all reputations, time will be the major test of his legacy as the Architect of Pop.

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. . . while experts examine the controversial results

***The Times* invited six commentators to take a critical look at half a century of Richard Seifert's architecture**

LATE JAZZ-AGE


Centre Point

Simon Jenkins: Colonel Seifert's architecture is a manifestation of an economic phenomenon which took place in the late-1950s and early-1960s. He was a master of plot ratios and of using new planning laws which enabled more and more building to be crammed on to small city-centre sites.

Centre Point, his most famous building, became a symbol of the property boom of the 1960s. It is in a style which might come to be called Late-Jazz – it's certainly not Rock! The cantilevers, arches and lozenge-shaped patterns which he employed became the signature of the age and a distinctive and recognizable style, unlike the anonymous glass, steel and concrete boxes produced by his contemporaries. He also designed some desperately ugly buildings. But *some* of his work will merit preservation.

Simon Jenkins is political editor, The Economist, *and former editor of the London* Evening Standard

RURITANIAN


NatWest Tower

Gillian Darley: There are dozens of architectural practices whose buildings receive neither awards nor reviews. Romantic fiction, rather than literature, their work is all-pervasive. It is no accident that Richard Seifert's office is the best-known of these – the Barbara Cartland of the trade, to stretch a metaphor. Here are architects who talk developers' language.

Recently, Seifert's style has ranged from the feebly suggestable Ruritanian (the Shaftesbury Avenue fire station) to the bland (NatWest Tower). Not all are commercial or structural triumphs, either. Yet judging him, posterity will see a tireless man unerringly reflecting the values of his time in a society where second-rate goods find no shortage of buyers.

Gillian Darley is a freelance architectural writer and journalist.

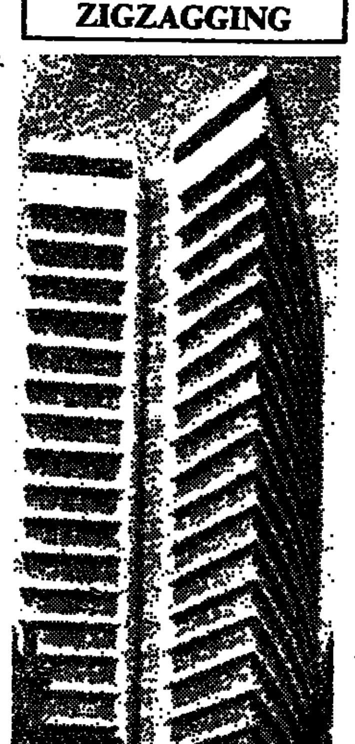
HALF A CENTURY

John Harris: Colonel Seifert has been a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects for 50 years. No other architect in the history of the institute has built so much and so changed the face of London. One can only recall Alfred Waterhouse and Sir Gilbert Scott.

The Heinz Gallery is not a Design Council. Its role over 50 exhibitions since 1972 has been to present all shades of professional endeavour without prejudice and with dignity. It can only be instructive to examine and witness what Colonel Seifert and his office have accomplished. In my bicycling days I passed Woolworth House frequently and it strikes me as one of the best buildings in Marylebone Road and perhaps as Seifert's best building.

John Harris is curator, RIBA Drawings Collection, the Heinz Gallery.

ZIGZAGGING

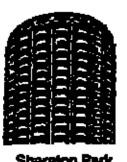

Drapers Gardens

Bridget Cherry: In the Buildings of England volume of *Cities of London and Westminster* (3rd edition 1973), Seifert scores as many entries as Sir Gilbert Scott (joint second after Wren). But successful architect-client relationships spell quantity, not always quality. Sir Nikolaus Pevsner did not object to Seifert's quieter work (3 Gracechurch Street was "a very satisfactory design") but detested the coarseness and superficiality of the remorseless zigzagging facades of Centre Point: "Who would want such a building as its image"?

Those jerky rhythms may be historically interesting as part of the swing against the more austere aspects of the modern movement. But the buildings are hardly great architecture. In my view Drapers Gardens is the best of Seifert's buildings of the 1960s – sleeker and less gimmicky than most of its contemporaries.

Bridget Cherry is joint editor of The Buildings of Europe.

57 VARIETIES


Sheraton Park Tower

Piers Gough: For once the Heinz Gallery seems well named for the exhibition of the architectural varieties of Richard Seifert. Canned architecture is nothing like the real thing but can be an impressive operation.

Speculative office building is second only to mass housing as the most prolific genre type this century. Yet it has no masterpieces, because, in my view, they are designed by developers' hack architects. Seifert is the doyen of these businessmen, the Wizard of the Plot Ratio and Bomb Damage Grants.

One cannot help but have a sneaking admiration for such an operator and indeed he was the first to import various ideas and styles from America. But his buildings chose always to be characterized by a lumpish insensitivity that has ruined our cities in the post-war years.

Not surprisingly in such a huge production there are some vicarious excitements; Space House in Kingsway and the Park Tower Hotel in Knightsbridge; and the black shiny Alfred Place and Euston Square are my favourites.

Piers Gough is an architect and partner in Campbell, Zogolovitch Wilkinson and Gough.

FAST-FOOD


Space House

Charles Jencks: Gresham's Law, which says that the bad tends to drive out the good, operates in many if not all areas of mass-culture, as every citizen on the High Street knows. And the reasons are not hard to fathom. Fast-food architecture cannot be even as good as a Big Mac – layered with real bacon and cheese – because architecture cannot be standardized and mass-produced at that level. All his sub-Marcel Breuer buildings have a corn-on-the-cob character; if only they were edible (these include Space House and Centre Point).

Since 1974 Seifert has recanted. His views have changed on high-rise housing and he has changed from Modernism to Post-Modernism, and that should be welcomed. His schemes now are better scaled and more fitting. But it's time he made the next step and recanted again – on high-velocity architecture in general; or else broke up his mega-commissions and shared them with good, under-worked designers.

Charles Jencks is an architect and author of Post Modern Architecture.

Seifert Architecture is at the Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square, London W1, until Friday, December 21. It is open Monday-Friday, 11am-5pm, and Saturday 10am-1pm. Admission is free.

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The changing face of London: Seifert seen behind his creations, from left, NatWest Tower, London Bridge House, Space House, and Woolworth House

THE ARTS

H ly Hill surveys autumn on Broadway

Britain teaches a lesson in voice-projection

New York critics have been wondering if it were spring. This confusion of the beginning of the theatre season with its frenzied end is numerical: few remember an autumn when so many shows opened. As usual, the quality of the work varies enormously. Partly because quantity precludes in-depth discussion and partly because even a middling feast in place of famine is cause for gratitude, let us proclaim the gladsome tidings of most shows and leave wringing of hands between the lines.

The Royal Shakespeare Company's **Cyrano de Bergerac** and **Much Ado about Nothing** have been received with general ecstasy. Even if both productions were duds, the proof the company gives that well-trained voices can be clearly heard without microphones in a barn like the Gershwin Theatre is a point that cannot be overstressed with American producers, directors, actors and drama teachers. Canned sound will always short-circuit the flow between live actors and theatre-goers.

Among other classical revivals, the only saving grace of Toby Robertson's production of **Love's Labour's Lost** at the Circle Repertory Company is the valiant spirit of the actors. One of the finest realistic companies in the United States, Circle Rep has been struggling for years to master classical style, as yet to no avail. A new troupe, the Harbor Shakespeare Festival, mounted a lively version of **The Tamer Tamed** which demonstrated why John Fletcher's 1611 spoof of *The Taming of the Shrew* is so seldom revived.

Finishing first in the contemporary revival class is **Pacific Overtures**. Fran Soeder's staging in Off-Broadway's Promenade Theatre compensates with inventiveness for what is lost of the scenic grandeur of the 1976 Broadway production. Sliding screens, fold-out set pieces and cloths substitute for flying sets, and with the help of synthesizers a five-piece orchestra does as much honour to Stephen Sondheim's score as the 30 Broadway musicians.

The gain in intimacy is of great value. We know and prehaps care more about the major characters, and the pretentiousness of Harold Prince's stridently political original staging is gone. While the spoofing of such minor characters as geisha girls and foreign admirals now looks campy – jarring spoofs of spoofs – this second look at a controversial musical proves it an enthralling experiment in combining western and oriental theatrical pyrotechnics. These may seldom warm the heart, but rarely fail to ignite the imagination.

After the Fall (Playouse 91) is held up by Frank Langella's charm and humour. Arthur Miller's whining protagonist has neither of these traits, but Mr Langella's graceful force-feeding makes this revival bearable. Though sabotaged by a poodle haircut and hideous costumes and makeup, Dianne Wiest gives an intensely emotional and multicoloured portrayal of the character arguably inspired by Marilyn Monroe, and the scenes between her and Mr Langella build towards conflagration.

In Clifford Odets's **The Country Girl** (Chelsea Playhouse), Hal Holbrook as the alcoholic actor and Jeffrey DeMunn as his director do much fine work, but sometimes overact to dam the gap made by a one-dimensional portrayal of the title character which kills the play's central conflict.

One Broadway entry faded fast. The musical **Quilters** (Jack Lawrence Theatre) may be most notable as the show which featured 11 personable actresses but excited lust for its set – the quilts onstage and in the lobby. Having a struggle is **Alone Together** (Music Box), a modestly amusing descendant of countless sex and domestic comedies through the mid-Sixties.

Of the four one-person shows which opened, only Jo Sullivan in **I hear music ... of Frank Loesser and friends** (Ballroom Theatre) is likely to survive. A cabaret of songs related to the careers of Loesser and Miss Sullivan (his widow), interspersed with anecdotes about their lives, the show is sung and spoken with grace and spirit, and breezily staged by Donald Saddler.

In **Zelda** (American Place Theatre), Olga Bellin gives an impassioned performance of F. Scott Fitzgerald's dippy and drippy wife. Alec McCowen's **Kipling** lasted only 12 performances – a pity, but its producers were ill-advised to put it on Broadway. A questionable Broadway survivor is **Whoopi Goldberg** (Lyceum Theatre). The name of this black monologist is made up, but her talent is genuine. She is a gifted character actress, though less able as a writer. She invents routines (a junkie in Europe, a Jamaican in America, a wino male tap dancer, a child longing to be white) which have sparkling passages but ramble and run on. Mike Nichols, who discovered Miss Goldberg and supervised her Broadway début, would have done her more kindness to bring her along slowly.

Frank Langella's charm and humour sustaining *After the Fall*, building towards conflagration with Diane Wiest

Theatre

Feeble sequel

Chance Visitor
Palace, Watford

Considering how few European plays reach the London stage, I am reluctant to breathe a word against any management that keeps its door open to Milan and Moscow. However, Alexsei Arbuzov's latest picture of Soviet private lives comes as a decidedly feeble sequel even to *The Promise* and *Old Times*; not to mention Raizman's recent film *Private Life* – a tough-minded and truthful work by a companion old-timer.

Chance Visitor tells the story of Lyuba, a woman doctor whose astronomer husband abandons her for a younger woman after 20 years of marriage. Simultaneously, she receives a visit from her husband's cousin Denis, a scowling, leather-jacketed Muscovite of no settled occupation, who hits the Cognac and offends everybody in the house before whisking the grief-stricken wife out to a candle-lit dinner; where, by a thought process that eluded me, each confers some kind of comfort on the other.

If you regard Arbuzov as a gentle humanitarian smuggling small consignments of liberal opinion past the Soviet censorship, I suppose this piece could be decoded as a plea for the kind of citizens who get branded as hooligans and parasites. What remains at face value, though, is a piece that tells you remarkably little except that marriage is no safer under socialism than anywhere else.

There is nothing actually implausible in the story. But, in Leon Rubin's production, it combines banality and mystery in equal proportion. A band strikes up in the deserted restaurant and Lyuba pricks up her ears: "That's Johann Strauss", she says, "passing, like my youth", and excutes a little solo whirl. Similarly, there are sage reflections from the old grannie (Rosamund Greenwood) and tearfully embittered exits by the teenage daughter. But how the menacing Denis got his car, or Lyuba crashed it, remain unexplained. Her husband is first introduced as an absent-minded professor, which is no preparation for seeing him marching in to announce his forthcoming desertion.

Ariadne Nicolaeff's translation abounds in tin-eared lines like "My heart keeps playing me up, and my wife is glued to the television set"; and a sense of translator's English spreads out to engulf the cast's gestures and rhythm, and their long, graceless exits over Fran Thompson's hazardously ramped set. Barbara Jefford brings her accustomed spirit and intelligence to Lyuba, but it is uphill work.

Irving Wardle

● The Scottish Arts Council's 1984 autumn book awards, valued at £600 each, have gone to George Mackay Brown for *Time in a Red Coat*, Liz Lochhead for *Dreaming of Frankenstein*, Frank Kuppner for *A Bad Day for the Sung Dynasty*, Alasdair Maclean for *Night Falls on Ardnamurchan*, Brian McCabe for *Spring's Witch* and Agnes Owens for *Gentlemen of the West*.

Paul Bartel (left), famous for *Eating Raoul*, whose film *Not for Publication* opens in London this week, has a proven fondness for the grotesque and cynical, alleviated by the wit and charm with which he portrays even the worst of human excesses: interview by John Preston

Photograph by Murray Job

Paying court to the comedies of old

The road to respectability for American directors these days is likely to be paved with a requisite amount of gore and titillation. Forty years ago, young hopefuls were dispatched to prove their worth on unpromising little melodramas. Now the principle is much the same but the testing ground tends to be strewn with rather more lurid elements. Paul Bartel, whose latest film *Not for Publication* was shown at the London Film Festival last weekend and opens publicly in London on Friday, served his apprenticeship in the exploitation field with the legendary "King of the Quickies", Roger Corman. While he has moved on a long way since then, his approach to film-making is steeped in that discipline. "I think I'm basically an affirmative person", he says. "But you can't ignore the fact that the cinema thrives on sex and violence."

A large, lugubrious looking man with a manner to match ("Could you please smile a bit", exhorted the photographer; aggrieved reply: "I am smiling a bit"), Bartel has never shied away from pandering to the less refined side of prevailing tastes in his films to date: from *Death Race 2000*, where contestants in a futuristic transcontinental car race scored points for every person run down along the way (a blind nun on a bicycle scored highest), to *Eating Raoul*, a satire on Californian sexual morals in which a staid married couple systematically bump off a selection of Los Angeles "swingers" in order to raise enough money to open their own vegetarian restaurant. But what distinguishes Bartel from his more crassly-inclined colleagues, and has helped secure him a substantial cult reputation, is his knack of portraying the worst excesses of human behaviour with a good deal of wit and charm, thus defusing any impulse towards moral indignation.

In *Not for Publication*, Bartel has moved into rather less contentious territory with what he calls a "Valentine to the comedies of the Thirties, in particular those of Frank Capra and Ernst Lubitsch". Nancy Allen plays the plucky girl reporter on a paper gone horribly to seed, who resolves to restore its fortunes to their former glory. "After *Eating Raoul* I wanted to do something that had a very different tone to it, something lighter and sweeter", he says. "I had actually co-written the script 20 years ago and no one had been the least bit interested in putting up the money. But I thought the time may be right to resurrect it. The plot was constructed in the manner of comedies of the Thirties, and the heroine is very much in the mould of those independent, somewhat cynical women that Jean Arthur used to play. But I also wanted to add a slightly contemporary edge to it and work against the grain of the sentimentality. The central idea of the film is that in the end the good guys don't always win and the bad guys don't always lose. People learn to make accommodations."

While Bartel nurses an abiding affection for old Hollywood comedies, he is also a great fan of Ealing comedies. *Eating Raoul*, in which he also starred, owed more than a passing nod of recognition to *Kind Hearts and Coronets* and Bartel has clearly assimilated that old Ealing trick of rigorously underplaying in the face of mounting mayhem. "I have always liked playing on the disparity between naturalism and artificiality. It's a wonderfully fertile ground for comedy as, of course, is the challenge of trying to persuade an audience to identify and sympathize with rather reprehensible characters."

So voluble was Bartel in his admiration for *Kind Hearts and Coronets* while publicizing *Eating Raoul* that he was asked by Universal to write an Americanized version of the film as a vehicle for Eddie Murphy and Robin Williams. With the action shifted to Texas and racial conflict drafted in to shore up the diminished sense of social resentment, this would have been guaranteed to send blood pressure soaring among purists on this side of the Alantic. However, Universal were less than taken with Bartel's treatment and it is now being rewritten for Dustin Hoffman.

After film school in Italy (Bertolucci was a classmate), Bartel become immersed in the New York "underground" film scene of the late Sixties. He directed a couple of shorts and then made his feature film début in 1973 with a suitably bizzare affair called *Private Parts*, which drew encouraging notices and came to the attention of Roger Corman. "I learnt a lot of things from Corman, among them the desirability of making films less than 90 minutes long so that they can fit on to four reels and into one shipping case. It's a lesson I've never forgotten. I much prefer making films for medium to low budgets. I somehow just feel more comfortable within those perimeters."

With *Eating Raoul* having scored a notable success at the box office, Bartel, for the first time in his life, found his bank account advancing deep into the black. A large chunk of these new found profits went towards helping the director Jim Jarmusch complete his film *Stranger than Paradise*, which won him the Best New Director award at this year's Cannes Festival. "I was terribly impressed by the freshness of it and the sense of great originality."

Despite his taste for experiment and his fondness for the grotesque, Bartel remains firmly grounded in the mainstream traditions of the American cinema: happy to work within existing genres while gleefully subverting the conventions of those genres to his own ends. "I hope I am able to bring to my films my own compulsions and points of view. There is an element of cynicism in my work and in my personality too, I suppose. I've been accused of crudity on a number of occasions and it's true that the cruder elements in my films are partly sensationalistic and intended to intrigue audiences. I hope though that they are offset by a certain amount of charm and discretion."

Bartel may view the world of studio politics and vast budgets with a good deal of suspicion, but in one respect at least he is inching into line with the Hollywood establishment. Recently he was voted into the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and he hopes to be sitting on the panel picking this year's Oscar nominations for foreign films. "The Academy has an average age of about 95 and the mentality of very Old Hollywood Conservative: easily scandalized and easily confused. I'm there to provide some new blood." And also, one cannot help thinking, to hasten the demise of the old.

Since making *Not for Publication* Bartel has finished another film, a comedy Western with Tab Hunter of all people, ominously titled: *Lust in the Dust*. Currently waiting to go into production is a "little werewolf picture in which being a werewolf is a metaphor for compulsive antisocial behaviour". After which he is lined up to write and direct a "comedy cliffhanger musical" intended to be seen first on television in 15-minute episodes and then lumped together for the cinema. "I'd like to make as many different types of films as possible. Certainly I don't feel as if I have arrived at my ultimate destination yet in terms of either style or subject-matter."

Television

Meandering through misery

Anne Devlin's **The Long March**, on *BBC1* last night, directed by Chris Parr, who has had a hand in better things, had the length all right but not the briskness. It was more of a meander through the sadness of Ulster. If the tragedy of it all was meant to be the message, then we knew it already.

Helen, played by Marcella Riordan, was back to Mum and Dad after ten years in England, leaving a husband behind and picking up relationships, complicated origionally it seemed and further confused by the political situation. She is soon researching for an old boyfriend, a Catholic university lecturer unhappily married to a non-Catholic, and involved with her assistant, a young man, taciturnly played by Adrian Dunbar, who proves to be a member of the Irish National Liberation Army.

The political background was that of the blanket protest and the hunger strikes. The relationships were all confused and the characters stereotyped. Only Helen's father, immersed in trade union affairs and local politics, given substance by James Ellis, convinced.

Where Helen stood politically was unclear – most unusual for Ulster people. She also appeared fairly feckless. The boyfriend exploits her physically and her university chum financially, by jumping bail. Helen, too, takes off, and returns, strangely as a painter now with an exhibition in the city, to find her parents under threat of having their house burned down because her father's attitude to the hunger strikers is considered ambiguous.

This is averted by the parish priest arriving to announce that the hunger strikers, following a statement from the Secretary of State, are taking food. The mob, who looked most unconvincing, disperse. Painter Helen is left outside looking at the moon and wondering, perhaps as many of us might have been doing for some time, "Where next?".

Dennis Hackett

Theatre in Scotland

The Power of the Dog
Lyceum Studio, Edinburgh

"My first answer ... to the question 'What is history?' is that it is a continuous process of interaction between the historian and his facts", wrote E. H. Carr, "an unending dialogue between the present and the past." On one level, these are the themes of Howard Barker's latest play, performed by Joint Stock; he explores the gap between experience and interpretation. On a broader level, this allows him to examine the limits to any medium of communication and the perversion of truth this allows during war.

The start is an "historical" moment. At the meeting between Stalin and Churchill to divide up Europe, their inability to comprehend one another renders their momentous decisions almost arbitrary. Going on to talk about history, they become less and less able to communicate through the medium of their interpreters. Only when Stalin breaks off to express his fear that he will himself be painted out of history, re-created as a non-fact by his removal from photographic images, does Churchill briefly understand.

Barker then goes on to explore the area between what happens in war and what is represented, between individual experience and the impossibility of communicating it. In a series of scenes, each given a photo-caption in the programme that simplifies its meaning, we are shown individuals caught up in the reality of war. All are concerned with telling or obscuring the truth on different levels – through photographs, letters, poetry, film, even seance. But no one, not even the intelligence officer (Hugh Fraser), can come to terms with the question of what really happened. Through the middle of all this wanders Ilona (Stephanie Fayerman), a beautiful former model, whose dispassionate record of history is made up of a series of photographs of arbitrary atrocities, with herself in the foreground of each one. It is ultimately she, Stalin's diametric opposite, who is chosen to take the photograph of him that he thinks he yearns for; the unbiased and factual account.

The truth is confused, shifted, lost at all levels. For Galina, a Russian student trying to capture the war on film, the urgent task of art is to bridge this gap. She envisages "whole" film, a medium employing three screens that present the audience with objectivity, subjectivity and possibility all at once, but comes to a crisis verging on madness when she realizes that any art form, to be true, must employ a fourth option – the possibility of self-negation. As an ironic device, she brings up the point where Barker takes off: how do you use a medium of communication to express the limited capacity of any medium to communicate the truth?

Barker draws convincing characters, caught in emotional and logical traps, struggling to maintain integrity and individuality against the horrible force of something that cannot be expressed. He is at his best here, and where he expresses the complexity of his themes through humour, strong visual image and rich, poetic dialogue. Many of the scenes are brought vividly to life under Kenny Ireland's direction, and there are some strong, inventive performances from the cast. Peter Sproule gives us a marvellous likeness of Churchill.

Ultimately, however, the play becomes bogged down in its own complexity: there are so many layers that they obscure comprehension. This may, of course, be the point – Barker introduces the neat device of a clown, an anti-fool, who does not understand what is happening, despite his wisecracks, and who gently pokes fun at the obscurity of the play itself.

Sarah Hemming

● *The Power of the Dog* is at the Lyceum until Saturday, and next month at The Tron, Glasgow. It comes to the Hampstead Theatre on January 22.

Concert

Mastering the keyboard revolutionaries

Peter Donohoe
Queen Elizabeth Hall

This was outstanding. Not many pianists can rival the brilliance and command of Peter Donohoe and yet show his depth of understanding. Here he rather bravely tackled music by three revolutionaries of the keyboard, Beethoven, Chopin and Debussy, emerging master, and thus perfect servant, of them all.

Some might have preferred a crisper style in his Debussy, and the finishing sprint in that composer's *L'Isle joyeuse* was perhaps a little too racy. Yet everything else in this exuberant toccata seemed to have been placed precisely where it belonged. The weight of the trills on the first page was impeccably judged, as was the degree of swagger in the triplet rhythms of the principal tune. But above all it was Donohoe's bristling spontaneity that dominated this reading. It was fully matched by his dash and puckish humour in the same composer's *Masques*, while *D'un Cahier d'esquisses*, a slightly earlier, more slow-moving piece, was full of the mystery of *La Mer*, hinting also at the kind of orchestration found in that marvellous work.

Donohoe devoted his second half to Chopin. He brazenly relished the elegance and sentimentality of that composer's Op 64 Waltzes, even slightly overdoing the rubatos and second-beat emphases on occasion. But the real substance here was to be found in the B minor Sonata, Op 58, which was despatched with the requisite combination of fire, grandiosity and poetry without any gesture, however spectacular, seeming merely gratuitous. Donohoe's keen ear for balance kept the passion of the wonderful slow movement well under control, while elsewhere one never doubted that as well as 10 very nimble fingers an equally nimble mind was at work.

But it was Donohoe's performance of Beethoven's A flat Sonata, Op 110, that dominiated the evening. This is a work where the composer balances heart and intellect with a combination of meditative melody and contrapuntal rigour, with a dash of fury thrown in by means of the Scherzo. Here it was given a reading that searched both deep and wide.

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book naming MI5 and MI6 ficers and which purports to lift e lid off British post-war intellince activities has been sold to loscow by a Republic of Ireland ıblisher. *British Intelligence and overt Action*, by Patrick Fitzgerald ıd Jonathan Bloch, was released in ritain last year despite the oppotion of the D-Notice Committee, ıd the condemnation of Home ecretary Leon Brittan who said it as "bound to place servants of the rown at greater risk than had the ook not been published". Unbashed, editorial director of Brandon Books Steve MacDonagh flew ɔ last year's Moscow International ook Fair and showed the manuscript to a "gleeful" Institute of oreign Affairs representative. Last eek he received a contract for the Russian rights from Politizdat, ublishers to the Central Committee f the Soviet Communist Party. They intend to print 100,000 copies of a book that will have immense propaganda value. The book's oreword – by Philip Agee, the ormer CIA agent deported by Merlyn Rees on security grounds in 977 – describes it as "a tale of error, murder, bribery, cheating, ying and torture, which have been practised in various combinations rom Malaya in the early 1950s to reland in the 1980s".

Flagging

Before Neil Kinnock is berated for taking an Aerflot flight to Moscow instead of flying the BA flag, allow me to defend the poor fellow

Kinnock, whose office is financing the Russian trip, would have flown BA, *if it operated on the days he is* flying. Aeroflot operates more flights to Russia out of Heathrow than BA – something which BA said yesterday it was quite happy about. Such an attitude to one of the world's most profitable routes will scarcely have me rushing to buy its shares.

● **The SDP really must be short of policies. Liberal MP David Alton asked the Commons library the other day for a copy of *Britain's Industrial Future* – a 1920s publication setting out Liberal ideas on industy and unemployment. It was already out, he was told, under the name of David Owen.**

At the Bar

Mars has had its taste of more than rat poison. Legal sources tell me a hoaxer was once prosecuted at Reading Crown Court for threatening to bomb the company's factory in Slough unless it coughed up £30,000. The member of staff who took the warning call asked if he meant 30,000 £1 notes. "What do you think I mean," came the indignant reply, "30,000 Mars bars?

BARRY FANTONI



'Must fly, Beryl. I'm giving a Tupperware party to raise cash for B.T. shares'

Skylab

After the recent quashing of drink-drive convictions because of faulty breathalysers, the police might like to put in a *bid* at *Sotheby*'s on December 11. They could catch some manuscripts on astrology, including a treatise *written in 1219* by one William of England. It tells how to diagnose a patient's disease and predict its outcome from the stars and signs of the zodiac without reference to his urine.

Swallow hard

Tory MP Peter Rost has had his bluff called. Last year he refused to attend an anti-cruise protest organized by CND in his Erewash constituency. "Please let me know the date of your first demonstration at the Russian embassy in London", he said. "As a fervent supporter of peace I look *forward to joining you*." On December 8 CND *will* be protesting outside the Soviet embassy, and Rost has been invited. "One must always remember: 'one swallow does not make a summer' ", he has replied, declining.

Dogged collars

The Church Society, a conservative Church of England pressure group, is spending £4,000 to prove that trendy clergy have lost touch with their flock. It has commissioned two Gallup polls, the first directed at the *public and the second at Britain*'s bishops and fellow clergy. They deal with such current controversies as *the ordination of women (which the* Society opposes); the nature of the Resurrection (they say it *was* a "conjuring trick with bones"); the language of the Book of Common Prayer (they say it shouldn't be updated); and whether the Archbishop of Canterbury should get a vote of confidence.

Stephen Aris and Peter Stothard on the tense negotiations behind a decision that has surprised the airline world



Why Reagan let B.A. fly away free

President Reagan's surprise decision to quash the American government's price-fixing action against British Airways has let Mrs Thatcher off an arkward *hook, and has been* greeted with sighs of relief in diplomatic circles in London and Washington. The decision to free British Airways from a multi-million dollar threat to its privatization prospects comes after months of intensive, behind-the-scenes and high-level lobbying on both sides of the Atlantic.

Many Americans will feel uneasy at a move *which* seriously undermines the deterrent effect of the country's cherished anti-trust legislation. But officials welcome *the* fact that the first Thatcher-Reagan meeting of the new administration – provisionally planned for the end of the Prime Minister's Far East tour in December – will now take place in a *far calmer atmosphere*.

"The Prime Minister was becoming almost obsessive about the American government's attitude", one Downing Street adviser said. Industry Secretary Norman Tebbit and the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, who has visited Washington several times in the past week, have shared her hardline stance.

As long as American officials stuck to their line that the Department of Justice's case could not be stopped, a mere dispute over air fares had the makings of a major trauma in transatlantic relations.

President Reagan's intervention has come at the eleventh hour. There was only one month to go before in the opion of American and British officials, a federal grand jury looked almost certain to indict British Airways for fixing prices illegally and carving up the North Atlantic market with supposed *competitors, in the months leading* to the collapse of Laker Airways in early 1982.

American officials have bluntly told their British counterparts recently that while the US government was prepared to compromise on some points, they had no doubt that British Airways had a substantial case to answer. British Airways *could have been liable to criminal* penalties of several million dollars.

While this in itself would not *necessarily have been a major blow* it could have opened the door to a $1.1bn civil suit by Laker liquidator Mr Christopher Morris of Touche Ross, the London-based accountants. A billion dollar shadow over BA would have had a far from favourable impact on its privatization plans.

The Americans offered to sugar the pill with a number of compromises which, they argued, would *reduce the impact of the impending* prosecution against BA on the civil action. But these overtures were rejected by the British, forcing President Reagan himself to come to the rescue.

While diplomats on both sides are clearly relieved, the president's action raises uncomfortable legal and commercial precedents.

Earlier US District Court Judge Harold Greene, who has robustly presided over the pre-trial hearings *in the civil case*, had already expressed his concern for the future vitality of US anti-trust laws. And British officials have expressed their worries in private about the damage caused to the Government's reputation as a champion of free enterprise.

The substance of the welter of charge and counter-charge goes back *to the autumn of 1981, when Sir* Freddie Laker's cut-price Laker Airways, riding high since the launch of the immensely popular Skytrain in 1977, came under severe competitive pressure. But the principles and the contradictions go back the beginnings of mass transatlantic travel just after the Second World War.

The original Bermuda agreement of 1946 attempted to square the American desire for free compe*tition and the European concern for* price stability. The potential – and sometimes actual – conflict was *never fully reconciled, and surfaced* in recent discussions between the Americans and the British.

The British argued that if they felt BA had acted illegally in fixing fares, the United States had a recourse only under the Bermuda Treaty, as amended in 1980. The Americans considered that while their anti-trust laws did not necessarily override Bermuda, the alleged price-fixing had not taken place under the aegis of the treaty and was therefore vulnerable to the full force of US domestic law.

Washington also appears to have had considerable choice over what charges to throw at BA. The Justice Department's inquiry was triggered by allegations by the Laker liquidator that Laker had been driven out of business as the result of "predatory" price cutting by BA, Pan Am and others in November, 1981, three months before the crash.

The events of that autumn are now well known. On October 8, Pan Am declared virtual war on Laker by *announcing that as from November* 1 it was going to cut its regular transatlantic fare by 64 per cent to match Laker's prices dollar for dollar.

Pan Am's chief executive, Wil*liam Waltrip, spoke frankly about* his motives. "We have put the fares down to make sure the competition understands that there are not going to be any niches for them any more. If they understand what the competitive market place is ging to be, I think the rates will go up."

Laker was not mentioned by name but it was obvious who he had in mind. Pan Am's lead was immediately followed by TWA and British Airways.

It took some weeks for the effects of the airline's pre-emptive strike to become apparent. But when Laker's November figures came in they were terrible: Laker's business on the North Atlantic had been cut by more *than half* compared with the year before. The bussiness was sliding out of control.

Though these events are still at the heart of the civil case they did not, apparently, figure large in the US Department of Justice's action. The department had uncovered another alleged price-fixing conspiracy dating back to 1978. There is ample evidence, it is claimed, to show that British Airways conspired both with US airlines and curiously with Laker *itself to fix prices and* allocate market shares on the North Atlantic between 1978 and 1981 – a charge BA vigorously denies.

There is certainly evidence that on November 9, 1978 Laker's commercial manager John Jones offered to raise fares between London and New York provided British Airways, Pan Am and TWA *undertook to maintain the existing* price differential between themselves and Skytrain. The full details *of this episode will now probably* never be revealed.

Whether the truth is ever revealed or not, it has become abundantly clear that political considerations – never far beneath the surface in the airline business – have exercised an extraordinary influence on this case.

President Reagan has over-ruled his Justice Department, opened himself to the charge of weakening the deterrent effect of America's anti-trust legislation, and, it can be argued, put the interests of the British Exchequer above those of his own consumers.

In return, he has bought himself a more peaceful meeting with Mrs Thatcher. Two of his key advisers have argued that unless this issue was resolved, the meeting should not go ahead.

For Mrs Thatcher, the immediate benefits are clear. As British Telecom moves into what looks like being successful privatization, she has cleared the way for the next major state asset to be launched on the markets.

She can hardly be said, however, to have strengthened her reputation as a free marketeer. This is the second time in under two months – the first was the ill-balanced compromise with British Caledonian over route-sharing – that the Government has used its muscle to protect BA.

Nor has she improved the British Government's case when it comes to arguing with European governments for free competition on the European routes. The Laker affair, sometimes considered merely as a spectacular business collapse, continues to cast a long shadow.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Now a medal for heroes of the union battlefield

Let us today consider the interesting experiences recently undergone by Mr and Mrs Monty Morgan, late of Betws, Glamorgan, now of Tewkesbury, Glos; by Mr and Mrs Lester Adams, *still* (though possibly not for much longer) of Southampton; and by Mr Ted McKay of the NUM's national executive, and his good lady, of an undisclosed address.

First, the family Adams. Mrs Adams worked (note the tense, which is crucial to what follows) at the Southampton General Hospital. She was a supervisor in the department from which sterile supplies went to the operating theatres, a job which by the sound of it *must be a particularly responsible* one. Mrs Adams no longer holds that position, or any position in the hospital, but there is no suggestion of failure or error on her part leading to her dismissal; nobody has claimed that she sent up forceps *liberally sprinkled with the bacilli of* yellow fever, or swabs coated in partly used chewing-gum. Her work had never given rise to complaints of any kind, and indeed had nothing to do with her leaving the hospital. Why, then, is she no longer employed to provide the surgeons at Southampton General with shining scalpels and snow-white bandages? I shall tell you.

Mrs Adams belonged, in April 1982, to the National Union of *Public Employees*, *hereinafter* known as Nupe. Nupe, at the material time, had called out on strike its members at the Southampton hospital; I have no evidence one way or the other about the degree of enthusiasm or even willingness with which they struck, but strike they did. During the strike, Mrs Adams resigned from Nupe, giving as her reason that she "could not bear to see patients suffer". (Presumably, the withdrawal of her labour meant that because the continued *supply of* sterile provisions for the theatres could not be guaranteed operations were being postponed.)

The strike ended. Mrs Adams resumed her labours, and we may assume that in no time at all she was passing out surgical scissors clean as a new pin and new pins clean as surgical scissors. That was bully for the patients; but she had reckoned without the patience of the bullies. Throughout the next year, as she stated in evidence before an industrial tribunal, she was sent to Coventry at the hospital, and at home was *subjected*, along with *her* husband, to obscene telephone calls and to the receipt of such items as calendars with dates ringed and marked "You will die on this day".

Sticks and stones, my mum used to assure me, may break *my* bones, but names can never hurt me. I do not know what Mrs Adams's mum used to tell her, but even if it was the same, she should not allow herself to feel guilty at her apparent lack of enthusiasm *for the maternal* wisdom; a year of such persecution must amount to the psychological equivalent of a very large number of broken bones, and indeed the fact that she and her husband held out for an entire year betokens a remarkable strength of character.

But in the end, she gave in; she resigned from her job. She then went to an industrial tribunal with a claim for financial compensation; she was able to do this, although she had not *been sacked, because of the doctrine* of "constructive dismissal". She was awarded some £8,000 (against the hospital, incidentally, not the union, presumably because it could not be shown that the persecution had been officially organized or directed).

There the matter rests, at any rate until I have turned my attention to the other cases I am considering this morning, that of the Morgans of Tewkesbury, *ci-devant* Betws, and the McKays of No Fixed Abode.

Mr Morgan is a miner who, having been on strike, returned to work, and was then promptly *subjected to the attentions of* Mr Scargill's *tontons macoutes* until, as he puts it, explaining his move to Tewkesbury: "I've been *driven* out by the bully boys – there's nothing left for us in Betws now."

As for Mr McKay, he has publicly criticized Mr Scargill and his leadership of the strike; even before that, he was a marked man, for he has also been publicly critical of the Soviet Union, and more particularly he actively supported the attempts by two Soviet miners (Mr Klebanov and the late Mr Nikitin) who were put respectively in a madhouse and a *concentration camp* for trying to start a miners' union in their country. (The NUM abandoned them to their fate.) He has now had to leave his home, also for an unknown destination, having become afraid for the safety of his wife, after a gang of Mr Scargill's boot-boys gathered outside it for an evening's intimidation.

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, Secretary of Nupe, has recently been making *something* of a reputation for himself as a humorous fellow – *très card, presque wag*; he had the TUC conference in stitches. Possibly – one cannot tell – he finds the tale of Mrs and Mr Adams amusing (or not, as the case might be). As for Mr Scargill, if past form is anything of a guide, he will argue simultaneously that nothing untoward happened to *the Morgans or the McKays* and that it was quite right that it did.

My conclusion will be a fairly obvious one; in case it is not obvious enough, I must add one further tiny detail about the Morgans' move, which seems to apply also to that of the McKays. They have not just moved; they have moved *to a secret address*. Evidently, they fear that the arm of vengeance is long, and those of you who are inclined to dismiss such fears as baseless should first reflect that they are likely to know more about the subject than you do.

We have, I think, come quite a long way in quite a short time. When, the other day, Mr Adam Butler drew a mild and tentative comparison between the attitudes of the IRA and those of the kind of miners who have driven the *Morgans into hiding. Mr Gerald* Kaufman was predictably quick to denounce the suggestion as slander. (I can forgive Mr Kaufman – a witty and genuinely likeable rogue – a great deal, but not stupidity, for so shrewd a politician ought to know that the fascist left in his constituency will have him out, if they can muster or rig the votes, whatever he says or does; he could tomorrow announce his simultaneous adherence to the Militant Tendency, the SWP, Vanessa's *Loonies and the* Warsaw Pact without in any way softening his enemies' determination to replace him by one of their own number.)

The miners' leaders do not practise murder (though it is worth remembering that Colonel Gaddafi does), so the scale of what they do is very different, not that Mr Butler suggested otherwise.

The principle is the same; neither the IRA nor Mr Scargill can win by the methods of argument, convic*tion and votes, so both demand the* right to attain their equally undemocratic ends by force. It is *much* worse to blow people up with bombs than to smash their windows, spit upon their children, daub their houses with obscenities and put them, night and day, in fear. But great though the difference is, it is still the difference between a large horse and *a small horse, not a horse and a cow.*

Large and small, the horses have got loose, and are galloping about Britain. They had better be corralled soon. For a clearer demonstration of the Government's intention to corral them, I have a suggestion for the Prime Minister. The George Cross is awarded to civilians (or to the fighting services in circumstances where military honours are not appropriate) "for acts of great heroism, or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger". My reading of the citation suggests that the award is not necessarily confined to time of war, and *even if that view is wrong*, a comparatively simple amendment would extend the honour appropriately. We have already had many examples of heroism and conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger, and we are likely to have many more, on the new battlefields where the forces of law and the ranks of those unwilling to be conscripted *into* union armies of violence and intimidation meet "the enemy within". Let Mrs Thatcher *single out someone whose courage* in that struggle is above the ordinary – perhaps a picket-line policeman ambushed and beaten up, *perhaps* a miner willing to run the gauntlet of missiles and burning cars, perhaps one of those who have had to endure what Mrs Adams endured for a year – and recommend the George Cross for such a hero or heroine. If she could simultaneously suggest the same decoration for someone who has, say, removed or rendered harmless an *IRA* bomb, it might perhaps silence Mr Kaufman.

The article by John Morris about judges in politics has been postponed.

Robin Cook

Where is the ballot on Tory funds?

In the 13 months following next March every trade union affiliated to the *Labour Party is obliged* to ballot its members on whether to maintain a political fund for this or any other purpose. *Much effort* has been devoted by ministers to dressing up the motivation behind *this new legal requirement* as an innocent desire to extend democracy. They have set an electoral challenge which the Labour movement must now take up with enthusiasm. But we can be forgiven for pausing first to ask why the Government which is *imposing* democracy on trade unions is not granting the same democratic rights to shareholders.

In the past year nearly 400 companies have reported donations to the *Conservative Party* totalling almost £3m. Of this generous tribute the only sum paid subject to a ballot was the modest £700 donated by Aidcom International, which showed a commendable if lonely commitment to consultation by polling its employees *about how* £1,500 set aside for political donations should be distributed.

Nobody appears to *have polled* shareholders.

This bleak record of rule from the boardroom raises intriguing questions. Would it not accord more with the philosophy which the present Chancellor applies to corporate expenditure if directors were to avoid any such deduction in order that there might be a higher *dividend, to widen the freedom of* shareholders to choose whether to make a personal donation? Might there not be the hint of a conflict of interest between directors and shareholders, in the suspicious congruence between the companies who dominate the table of donations to the Conservative Party and the directors who have dominated the Honours List under this Government?

The absence of shareholders' rights is all the more *striking* given that a third of all shares are held by pension funds acting on the savings of a wide cross-section of the public. It is highly probable that not every contributor to a pension fund is a committed Tory supporter, but that is the only political party supported to any significant degree by deductions from their dividends.

Even the miners find themselves contributing indirectly to this involuntary levy. A slice of the NCB pension fund *is placed with Lake* View Investment Trust which last year concluded that the political interests of its members were best served by contributing £3,000 to the Conservative Party.

An enterprising attempt to assert the rights of shareholders over such largesse has been initiated by the Trustees of Gwent Council Superannuation Fund. They wrote to all companies in which they held shares and which had declared a political *donation, challenging the decision.*

The stapled volume of replies hardly adds up to a coherent case for denying the shareholders a ballot. Many merely assert the legal prerogative of the directors. Hambros states baldly that "the board reserves the right to act in accordance with its views". The Sedgwick Group states that this is "not a matter in which shareholders can be involved", and adds, hopefully, "I am sure you will *understand this general principle*". Others respond that if the trustees do not like the donations they can take their savings elsewhere: the RMC Group suggests bluntly that the trustees "should have the courage of your convictions and dispose of your holding".

Willis Faber, which now donates £40,000 to the Conservative Party, took the trouble to calculate the portion referable to Gwent's holding and concluded that it had contributed £60 to Tory funds, adding that "your pensioners have had a very, very good value for this expendi*ture*". *Given* what can be ascertained about the voting habits of Gwent pensioners from election results, it is by no means obvious that this assertion would command universal support in the valleys.

Let us translate these replies into a trade union context. Suppose any trade union had responded to such a query from a member by advising *him that the purposes of the political* fund was "not a matter in which members can be involved", or telling him that he "should have the courage of your convictions and *dispose of your membership*". Then imagine the explosion of indignant outrage with which the present Government would denounce such an offence to its democratic *convictions*.

We are staring at a double standard as broad as any dual carriageway. Company directors may continue to fork out donations to the Conservative Party without any further consultation, and without any of the disenfranchised shareholders enjoying the right to contract out. Trade unions may only subscribe to Labour subject to periodic ballots, with the defeated minority properly retaining the right *to opt out of the political* contributions for which the majority has voted. No consistent argument of democratic principle can reconcile such a contrast. It can only be explained by partisan prejudice.

Not so long ago, under the last Labour government, Nicholas Ridley opposed a Bill brought in by a Labour backbencher to regulate *company donations with the* lofty rebuke that "It ill behoves the honourable gentlemen to seek to win *political battles* by seeking to reduce the funds made available to his political opponents". Today Nicholas Ridley sits in a Cabinet which seeks to do just that.

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Digby Anderson

A tax revolution to help the poor

Ten years ago, a group of young men were grumbling about the level of taxation. One of them cut the others short. He was pleased to pay his taxes. He recognized his obligation to help those less fortunate than himself and was grateful for this opportunity to fulfil it. They were duly humbled as, I suspect, he had intended.

No doubt he is still doing his party piece and adding that popular chorus about the poor getting poorer under monetarism or under Thatcher. All the more reason to be *grateful for the opportunity* to pay his taxes and help the poorer poor.

However it has become clear that the *superior* young man's judgement is wrong and his generosity culpably misdirected. The current bout of assertions about the increasing divide between rich and poor is based on the recent *Inland Revenue Statistics, 1984*. This publication used to be prefaced by a warning that the figures should not be used to make crude assertions about wealth *distribution*. Not only are they inadequate for this purpose but there are *no* statistics giving *direct* information on wealth distribution. The crude assertions also refine an old logical fallacy, *Sub Thatcher Ergo Propter Thatcher*.

Whatever the doubts about the extent of the distance between rich and poor, there is little doubt that the young man's assumption that the tax-welfare system is the obvious way to reduce it, is unwarranted. *Insofar as the poor are poor, they are* poor "under" the welfare state. Inasmuch as their disadvantage is persistent, it persists "within" a welfare system supposed to reduce and curtail it. Moreover, it appears that the poor do poorly from the very welfare services designed to give them equal access and reduce their relative poverty.

Next to no increase in social mobility has resulted from progressive educational reforms. Higher education redistributes funds from poorer tax payers to the offspring of richer tax payers through grants – a scandal finally given notice by Sir Keith Joseph last week. This gives "middle class" students disproportionate advantages in employment.

Who does not now know how middle and upper income groups have profited from Housing Improvement Grants? And although the NHS does not discriminate so markedly against the poor, they receive less help proportionate to their greater incidence of ill-health.

Throughout the "kind" as opposed to the "cash" welfare state, middle income groups benefit disproportionately not only as consumers but producers. They are employed and paid – often well – by state education, health and welfare.

Survey research by Peter Taylor-Gooby shows that lower income groups are aware of this inequity. They "see higher income families as getting the best value from taxes from the NHS, education and state pensions". They would agree with another social policy analyst, Julian Le Grand that "the strategy of attempting to create equality *through the provision of services* that are free, or at a subsidized price to all, seems fundamentally misconceived".

This scandalous failure implies different policy changes according to different analyses of its causes. But forget, for a moment, the policies and politicians. What conclusion should the charitable young *man* draw? *What should* we do to discharge our obligation to those less fortunate than ourselves now we know *the state cannot adequately*, or efficiently discharge that obligation for us?

To accept again responsibility to be *directly* involved in others' welfare involves a reconstruction of non-governmental welfare. But, splendid though the WRVS, Abbeyfield and the NSPCC are, the voluntary sector is not adequately funded. Moreover, *some less familiar* organizations resemble state services, perhaps because they are heavily dependent on state grants (voluntary giving has actually fallen since 1974). Not a few are radicalized and dutifully intone the trade union line that they cannot replace "full-time, state services, properly staffed, trained and paid". *The line culminates in the organiza*tion which does nothing directly to help the poor, confining itself to lobbying for increased government action.

The recognition that the welfare state has failed suggests that voluntary services should *not* ape state services and may have a much more than residual role to play. This will require fiscal changes perhaps along the American line of a "Standard Deduction" (US individuals give five to ten times more *than* UK individuals, allowing for higher per capita income) or one-year covenants. Revenue losses *should* be offset by reductions in spending on nationalized welfare. Is this the sort of *moral revolution* Lord Stockton had in mind, with individuals accepting their responsibility for *first hand* and effective care of others?

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FAREWELL TO THE FORUM

Dublin was busy reducing expectations of the prime ministers' meeting in the days preceding it. Wisely as it turned out. Nothing concrete emerged in respect of security or political structures. The communiqué was a regurgitation of bits of earlier communiqués. The crispest thing about the day's events was Mrs Thatcher's dismissal of the three models considered by the New Ireland Forum, a unitary all-Ireland state, a federal Irish state, and "joint authority" by which Dublin and London would together administer the province. These options had, in reality, already been disqualified for want of satisfying the forum's own requirement of unionist consent – and in the case of joint authority by reason of its manifest impracticality.

Dr FitzGerald returned to Dublin uncomfortably exposed to the taunts of Mr Haughey, who takes the simple view in opposition that the only thing worth going for is a unitary Irish republic, that the only way to get there is via a round-table conference of all concerned, and that Dr FitzGerald's "any other business" uses with the forum report are not only futile but a betrayal of the cause. Similarly Mr John Hume in Northern Ireland is still left without fresh evidence that constitutional nationalism can deliver anything, and without any new riposte to Sinn Fein's contention that the only argument the British understand is the argument of force.

It is politically embarrassing for both men, who invested so much in the forum, that things have not gone forward further faster. They have the consolation that the possibilities are not yet exhausted, though anything that comes out will plainly be less than Dublin would like for domestic consumption as regards both north-south linkage and the Dublin government's desire to be granted some *locus standi* within the province. They also have the satisfaction of knowing that the analysis of Northern Ireland's disorders offered in the forum report is endorsed by the British government to a significant extent. That was a feature of the discussions at Chequers that Dr FitzGerald picked out as boding well; what had been for so long a matter of contention between the two governments was beginning to present itself as a subject for joint consideration based on some similarity of approach.

Forumese, the characteristic form of expression for that analysis, found its way into the communiqué:

> The identities of both the majority and the minority communities in Northern Ireland should be recognized and respected, and reflected in the structures and processes of Northern Ireland in ways acceptable to both communities.

The last phrase, taken with Mrs Thatcher's iteration at her press conference that she is not seeking to impose a solution on Northern Ireland, reads like a recipe for paralysis, more work for the Ulster veto. Yet at one level it is just common sense. If the objective includes the process of reconciliation between the two communities and the provision of workable institutions through which to achieve it, it is no use handing down a system of subordinate provincial government into which the nationalists will walk if it is one the unionists will simultaneously walk out of. There is no gain to security in the province from imposing a framework for policing and the administration of justice capable of winning the confidence of nationalists if its appearance rouses unionists to the belief that the union is about to be violated.

Mr Douglas Hurd is beginning the next phase by calling on the Northern Ireland parties to talk devolution again with each other. If it is just left to them the upshot will indeed be nothing. The sovereign responsibility of the British government in Northern Ireland obliges it to further the process by persuading, pushing and inventing.

No lurch in policy is required or appropriate. What is needed is steady pressure through careful diplomacy of the several purposes of British policy already in place: the integrity of the union until such time as a majority in Northern Ireland wishes it to be dissolved; practical encouragement for the minority to make more positive identification with the institutions of the province, not least its law enforcement agencies; enlargement of the sphere of local and provincial self-government; cultivation of close and constructive relations with the Republic; extermination of the republican terrorism and counter-terrorism which provoke each other.

The last purpose, especially in so far as it calls for joint of cross-border security operations, will be best assisted by progress with the others. That is part of the legitimate ground of Dublin's interest in the condition of Northern Ireland. The fear and enmity with which the Irish government regards the Provisional IRA is not in doubt, its capacity to root it out may be.

INDIA'S CHOICES

With the dissolution of the Lok Sabha announced yesterday in New Delhi, India is once again preparing for parliamentary elections. On December 24 the world's largest democracy will go to the polls. It will be the eighth such exercise since Independence in 1947; and the election announcement just two weeks after Mrs Gandhi's assassination is convincing affirmation of the country's firm democratic credentials.

Yet for India's electorate of 400 million citizens the choice on offer has never been so bleak or so baffling. As they stand today both the ruling Congress-I (Indira) and the many opposition parties have little to recommend them. In Indian eyes the Congress Party is associated with the erosion of political morality so evident in the country. Over the past five years relations with the twenty-two State governments that comprise the Indian Federation make this unequivocally clear. Shortly after Congress won the 1980 election it sought to purchase its way to power in two states, Haryana and Himmachal Pradesh, by financing defections to make up a shortfall the results had left behind. The Congress gain was India's loss.

More recently, this summer, the Indian voters saw the same party effectively engineer the overthrow of elected governments in Kashmir and Sikkim; and when it tried the same in Andhra Pradesh the sums on offer were as high as £150,000 per legislator. Clearly, Congress-I was determined to rule India at any cost.

This month, as violence spreads through India in the wake of Mrs Gandhi's murder, Congress added the stain of personal involvement to its record of political malfeasance. Congress Party members were widely reported to have encouraged the rioters, abetting arson while hindering police action. The Indian papers have named at least three Congress Members of Parliament who were identified in the mob.

For its part the opposition has hardly proved itself any better. In 1977, when Mrs Gandhi suffered a humiliating defeat after she called elections at the end of her 18 month emergency, five Opposition parties collectively won a mandate to rule India. It was to be the second dawn after Independence. It did not even last two years.

By 1979 the government had crumbled as the parties fell apart over the issue of who should lead them as Prime Minister. Even today they cannot agree, although the process has justifiably shown up the Opposition leaders as selfish and tired old men. And now with Mrs Gandhi's death their obsession to oust her which could have glued them together once again has disappeared. In her death they have lost their own manifesto.

Faced with this choice at the hustings the Indian people have a right to expect more from their politicians before any one party can claim to deserve their vote. There is obviously great sympathy for Rajiv Gandhi in his bereavement, but prior to that there was support for the opposition call for a change. As he showed in 1977 and 1980 when the ruling party was relentlessly removed, the Indian voter has the canniness to wait and see which party will earn his vote.

To prove his party worthy, Rajiv Gandhi must ensure that the politicians he runs on the Congress ticket are of a new breed. The hacks his mother sponsored deserve to be dropped. Only then will a grudging respect for politicians return. At the same time, to prove his own sincerity and to reassure the country that justice will always be done. Mr Gandhi also needs to see that his own party men are prosecuted for their role in this month's riots just as severely as he is pursuing the suspected conspirators behind his mother's brutal assassination.

The Opposition have a harder task to win popular approval. They must show they are capable of placing the national need for a united and stable opposition before their own personal desires for preference and leadership. More than that, having lost Mrs Gandhi as a target they must now find issues and policies they can place in front of the electorate to supplant the old obsession with personalities. If they succeed in this and yet lose the election, the Opposition may at least be able to claim they had won the argument and arguments which are soundly based eventually win the day.

LIFE-BLOOD, OR DEATH?

To the infection known as Aids, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, attaches a peculiar horror, corrosive and atavistic. After events in Australia and deaths here, the public health authorities must be seen to move swiftly to protect not only supplies of plasma and blood products used in treating disease and injury but, more important still for the longer run, to sustain the unique trust that links blood donors, medical professionals and patients. Statements to date by under-secretaries and promises of leaflets are, it has to be said, insufficient. Some robust announcement by the Secretary of State for Social Services based solidly on a defensive plan for the National Blood Transfusion Service is the least that can be expected, and quickly.

Aids horrifies not only because of the prognosis for its victims. The infection's origins and means of propagation excites repugnance, moral and physical, at promiscuous male homosexuality – conduct which, tolerable in private circumstances, has with the advent of "gay liberation" become advertised, even glorified as acceptable public conduct, even a proud badge for public men to wear. Many members of the public are tempted to see in Aids some sort of retribution for a questionable style of life but Aids of course is a danger not only to the promiscuous nor only to homosexuals. A fascinating medical detective work suggests that the infection's origins may be tropical. It follows that procedures for detecting potential carriers of Aids can be modelled on the tests the National Heath Service's blood collectors now apply to tropical diseases. To ask a donor of blood for details of contact with, say, malaria is not reckoned to infringe civil liberties – nor should it be to question men succinctly about their sexual dealings.

The object of the exercise is not punitive. Blood for others' use is a precious gift: the object of policy ought to be to stimulate not extinguish the subtle motives of fellow feeling which brings people to the transfusion service's draughty halls and mobile centres. The service, creaking on its 1940s foundations and buffeted by the rancour of trade unions which would deprive patients in private health care of donated blood, will suffer from the loss of donors.

Technology is advancing. Heat treatment may guarantee the purity of certain blood products. Screening techniques may soon eliminate the risk of contracting Aids through transfused blood and there must be urgency about making Britain independent of supplies from other countries where the prospect of profit creates greater incentive for donors to conceal the truth.

Until then, policy should proceed on two fronts. Strict questioning of donors and the rigorous exclusion of all practising homosexuals should be enjoined on the collectors of blood. In Queensland measures have been taken to fine and imprison those giving blood without disclosing their homosexual experience. Such a step, a drastic response to public outrage, may be too much for Britain but anticipatory thinking along such lines within the Department of Health and Social Security is surely needed. More positively, the Blood Transfusion Service has long been in need of some public relations revamping together with sharper management. Mr Fowler is about to make his long-awaited appointment of a super-manager for the NHS: let a programme of administrative reformation and public education for the transfusion service be, one of that person's first tasks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking afresh at technology

From the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University

Sir, To date there has been little, if any, public comment on your contributor's enthusiastic welcome (October 30) for the proposed Institute of Information Technology. While all concerned with the promotion of information technology in Britain must welcome wholeheartedly the generous reported commitment of industrial sponsors to over £10m of backing, it has to be asked whether the objective is not at best misguided (if not, indeed, unnecessary and undesirable).

Information technology is not a subject, but rather a range of integrated activities based on electrical engineering, computer science and artificial intelligence, and relying heavily on a sound basis of mathematics, physics and logic, plus other cognate applied disciplines.

Only a few universities in Britain, as a result of their own initiative and the selective support of SERC (Science and Engineering Research Council), and, more recently, the Alvey Directorate, have developed high expertise in all these areas, although a larger number of universities and some polytechnics have similar expertise on a narrower front.

Without exception the development of all these institutions is at present limited by shortage of funds needed both for research and to overcome all the problems set out in the first report of the Butcher committee. These are, basically, scarce, experienced and potentially expensive staff; the essential back-up of modern "state of the art" equipment; and, in some cases, the need to extend existing accommodation.

At a time of great financial exigency in higher education it would surely be wiser to build on existing centres of excellence, thereby promoting both training and research, rather than to dissipate such limited funds as are available on establishing a green field site which, inevitably, will have to duplicate expensive facilities already existing elsewhere.

It needs also to be asked whether the proposed institute could, indeed, train the projected student numbers on the time scale suggested or, in any event, more rapidly than by supporting existing centres.

Moreover, looking to the future, it is self-evident that the basic sciences and technologies on which information technology undoubtedly depends will also be needed for a range of other diverse developments. Yet the information technology institute now proposed will rest on a narrow intellectual base, serving only an immediate purpose.

Such over-specialization has long been the bugbear of the British academic scene. It seems a pity, therefore, to perpetuate such a pattern when a similar expenditure could be used to build more economically and as effectively on existing strengths.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BURNETT,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
Edinburgh University,
Old College,
South Bridge,
Edinburgh.
November 20.

Forces' fare

From Mr W. R. Bawden

Sir, I am not surprised that Armed Forces cooks have received Egon Ronay's accolade (report, November 5).

During the Normandy campaign, as a gunner troop commander, I had a superb sergeant cook. We were perpetually on the move. At each new location he immediately set about building a makeshift oven and produced in it many unexpected delights, even the odd cake!

By trade he was a miner from Rotherham.

Yours etc,
W. R. BAWDEN,
9 Trowscoed Avenue,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.
November 6.

A word for murder

From Mr Michael Beaumont

Sir, Bombings and murders in Northern Ireland, Brighton and Delhi show up weaknesses not only in security but in the English language. These attacks are often described as "cowardly", yet this form of cowardice differs in kind from that of the soldier who avoids action through fear.

The archaic "poltroon" may be better suited to someone who takes dastardly action against defenceless people. But to describe IRA thugs or Sikh bodyguards as poltroons is absurd. Alas and increasingly we need a new word.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BEAUMONT,
8 Grafton Square, SW4.
November 5.

Famine in Ethiopia

From Dr Mervyn Hiskett

Sir, It seems instructive to contrast the present unhappy situation in Ethiopia with that in Nigeria, for although a vast area of Nigeria lies within the same climatic and ecological belt as Ethiopia, Nigeria has none the less avoided, not once, but on several occasions, the catastrophic famines that have afflicted its neighbours.

There are no doubt many and complex reasons for this, but one certainly seems to be that, despite formidable political and economic problems, Nigerian governments, whether military or civil, have shown a greater sense of responsibility and foresight in the matter of agricultural development than has been apparent in governments of less fortunate areas.

But another reason is that, despite the very powerful sentiments of nationalism and even xenophobia that certainly exist in Nigerian public opinion all Nigerian governments since independence have been willing to make use of expatriate expertise on a substantial scale.

I think, for instance, of the agricultural development projects that now exist in most Nigerian states, partly financed by the World Bank and largely staffed by expatriate experts; and of the several excellent university departments of agriculture, again internationally staffed in large measure.

Famine in Africa is not inevitable. Indeed, if one compares the agricultural and livestock productivity of the Nigerian Sahel today with what it was thirty years ago, the improvement is spectacular. This must be attributed to the good sense and good management of successive Nigerian governments in having given famine prevention a very high priority and to their willingness to use the international resources available.

This being so, it seems unhelpful and indeed misleading to attribute the Ethiopian disaster to alleged shortcomings, unhelpfulness and so on, on the part of Western governments.

Yours sincerely,
MERVYN HISKETT,
Cherry Hay,
Wrotham Road,
Meopham,
Kent.
November 7.

Mr Gummer and the bishops' gambit

From Sir David Lane

Sir, As a friend and fellow-member of the Church of England and the Conservative Party, I am sad to read (report, November 19) of Mr John Gummer apparently joining in the chorus of rather petulant attacks on Church leaders by other Conservatives in recent weeks.

Of course Church leaders should speak with a sense of responsibility and with respect for the facts, like everyone taking part in public debates, including politicians. I do not myself agree with all that archbishops and bishops have been saying; some of the remarks of the Bishop of Durham, in particular, have been ill-judged and unhelpful.

But I hope that John Gummer is not seeking to restrict the contribution of Church leaders to public debate. Surely they are just as entitled to comment on current issues from their particular spiritual standpoint as, say, scientists from theirs. After all, the archbishops and a number of bishops are ex-officio members of the House of Lords.

What, I wonder, does John Gummer mean by alleging that "too many of the Churchs' current pronouncements" have neglected the requirement that choices be made "with the claims of the Gospel clearly in mind"? Reconciliation, for example, is an important part of the Gospel; has not the Church a valuable contribution to make especially at a time when divisions in our society are so acute? The Archbishop of Canterbury's general comments early last month, in his interview with your Correspondent, were timely and telling. The present level of unemployment – a specific topic of recent episcopal pronouncements – does damage to the spirit in many individual cases and must be a concern of Church leaders.

Bishop Tutu said today on radio, "If God's writ does not run in the political sphere, whose writ does?"

May the archbishops and bishops continue to speak their minds. The Government's standing would be still higher if it were seen to welcome, not resent, constructive criticism, whether from its own supporters or from others.

Yours truly,
DAVID LANE,
5 Spinney Drive,
Great Shelford,
Cambridge.
November 19.

From Dr A. C. Todd

Sir, Further to your excellent and timely leader of November 17, "The bishops' gambit," I suggest that the bishops and all other spiritual leaders should now add to their daily private prayers this one of Thomas à Kempis:

"I beseech Thee, my most Gracious God,
preserve me from the cares of this life,
lest I should be too much entangled therein."

Yours sincerely,
A. C. TODD,
No 1 Raford House,
49 Kenilworth Road,
Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire.
November 18.

From Dr A. J. Bate

Sir, A Sunday evening sermon in a university church should surely be preached from the university pulpit on a Sunday evening, not released in advance to the press through Conservative Central Office.

Mr Gummer was not invited to Cambridge to make a political speech; his opportunistic abuse of the pulpit is such that he is hardly qualified to upbraid the bishops.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. BATE,
St Catharine's College,
Cambridge.
November 19.

Rates and taxes

From the President of the Rating and Valuation Association and others

Sir, No system of taxation can operate fairly and equitably if the assessments are not kept regularly and frequently up to date. A particularly bad example of this is the persistent refusal to sanction a revaluation of property for local rates in England and Wales, although the equivalent exercise has been authorised in Scotland and will come into effect next year.

Values have shifted significantly since the last exercise in 1973, between and within the classes of property, both in absolute and in relative terms. This has meant that some ratepayers are paying more rates than they should. This problem is particularly acute in the commercial and industrial sector and is perhaps a factor (albeit a marginal one) limiting economic growth and employment. But it has also affected dwellings.

Contrary to popular belief a rating revaluation does not, by itself, cause rates to rise. It merely adjusts the burden and thus promotes fairness between ratepayers so that some pay more than previously whereas others pay less. The adjustment process is, however, related impartially to market evidence.

In the light of the recent decision to retain the rating system "for the foreseeable future" it has become imperative to bring the basis for this tax up to date. As a response in the White Paper on rates, which was published in the summer of last year, the Government promised that work would be put in hand to achieve a non- domestic revaluation and that a consultation paper would be published on a future domestic revaluation.

Unfortunately little more than rhetoric has emerged during the past twelve months. Decisions are urgently required so that a revaluation is brought into effect at the earliest possible date.

The first expedient and urgent step should be a reassessment of non-domestic property. However, fairness and equity require a full revaluation as soon as possible.

The time for talk has ended; the time for action has arrived.

Yours faithfully,
TERRY M. MASSEY, President,
Rating and Valuation Association,
ALAN J. DUNCAN, President,
Rating Surveyors Association,
IAN V. ODDY, President,
General Practice Division, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors,
JOHN M. PHILLIPS, President,
Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers,
TONY CHRISTOPHER, General Secretary,
Inland Revenue Staff Federation,
115 Ebury Street,
Belgravia, SW1.
November 7.

Overseas aid

From Mr Kenneth G. Fry

Sir, The deep concern expressed over the level, distribution and best uses of Britain's official overseas aid, and the unpromising response of ministers so far, overlooks or ignores fundamental changes in ministerial and administrative responsibility in 1979 and their consequences.

Following that year's general election Mrs Thatcher, in line with the precedent set by Mr Heath, scrapped a separate Ministry of Overseas Development and placed official overseas aid in the charge of a junior FCO minister. Previously – Mr Heath's premiership apart – the separate and relatively senior ministerial responsibility for HMG's overseas aid programme had enabled those in charge to argue strongly for perceived needs and to take any case for additional provision to Cabinet when Treasury ministers were unyielding.

Sir Geoffrey Howe's responsibilities as Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary mean that he (and anyone else in that office dealing *inter alia* with overseas aid) is nearly always likely to find himself having to establish the level for overseas aid with regard to other economies which may be forced on him in relation to the costs of other services such as Britain's overseas representation and the British Council.

Hence the harsher deal which overseas aid annual budgets appear to have suffered over the last five years if considered against the levels projected for all public-expenditure programmes in the last White Paper published under the Labour Government.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH G. FRY,
2 Walnut Tree Close,
Banstead, Surrey.

Local mines

From Mr Richard Tamplin and Lord McNair

Sir, May we, as two of the "well-organised environmental lobby", set the record straight in respect of your most interesting article on "Freeminers of the forest" (November 9)?

The Deputy Gaveller of Dean, Mr Albert Howells, seems to suggest that we oppose all coal mining in the Forest, but this is not true. We gave evidence to the recent Opencast Coal Inquiry that small drift mines, such as Freeminers have sunk for centuries, are very much needed to provide jobs and fuel for local needs.

We do not, and would never, oppose that tradition; what we do oppose is the systematic destruction of the Forest by giant multinational companies intent on extracting millions of tonnes of superfluous coal from its remote and peaceful woods. The Inspector and Secretary of State supported our view and once again the Forest of Dean has been saved.

It was a pity that Mr Howells, a paid Forestry Commission official, was not allowed to give evidence to the inquiry despite our requests. We might then have been able to establish where the commission, ostensibly the guardian of the Dean National Forest Park, stands on this issue of coal and the environment.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TAMPLIN,
McNAIR,
Dean Heritage Museum Trust,
Camp Mill,
Soudley,
Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Too much trust in mineral trading

From the Director of the Strategic Metals Corporation

Sir, The Government's decision to abandon its newly formed strategic minerals stockpile says as much about our masochistic attitude towards commodity trading as it does about our Munich-like faith in the eternal goodness of man.

We are, as a nation, the centre of much of the world's mineral trading in all its forms. Sadly we are no longer the warehouse. We allowed that role to be whipped away to Rotterdam in the late 1950s through our failure to comprehend the free port principle and our refusal to accept containerization as a way of life.

For what is left of our industry we rely increasingly upon the application of technology and the specialised minerals it demands. In spite of ranking seventh in the world in monetary value of mining and minerals output, we produce scarcely any of those vital to the realization of our skills: no bismuth, chrome, cobalt, manganese, platinum groups, titanium or vanadium. We do a bit of converting here and there, a spot of scrap recovery, but we hold no stockpiles.

We rely for many of our key minerals on the Soviet Union, South Africa and China, whose skills in manipulating markets have been manifesting themselves in the trading houses of London in the past few years. We draw critical supplies from such politically sensitive centres as Zaire, Zambia, Nigeria, Bolivia and Chile.

Now we are delivering them a vote of confidence. We see no problems. This is a condition with which apparently we are determined to live in spite of our decreasing ability to influence the cause and therefore the growing necessity to cushion the effect.

There is a simple solution. If any government would take the trouble to understand the commodities industry, if it would match regulation with a reasonable tax regime; investors would fund the stockpile. In spite of the disadvantages many already invest in strategics. I wonder how many more might do similarly if they felt that the opportunity to make a legitimate profit were linked with the ability to protect British industry.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HARGREAVES,
Director,
Strategic Metals Corporation,
De La Rue House,
5 Burlington Gardens, W1.
November 14.

Abbeyfield recalled

From Miss Ann Parry

Sir, So the Abbeyfield Society is celebrating its silver jubilee this year. In your Special Report (November 15) you speak of the "founders", but in truth the "only begetter" was Richard Carr-Gomm who, in 1955, acquired the first house in Bermondsey and invited a few elderly and lonely people (it was not exclusively for the elderly) to move in as tenants.

Two years later (November, 1957) the society was formed and legally registered.

It was ungenerous not even to mention Richard's name in your otherwise excellent report. Some years later he dissociated himself from the society as he did not approve of the way it was developing and started all over again in Bermondsey with the Carr-Gomm Society, which also now flourishes elsewhere.

There is room for both societies, so great is the need for this sort of modest accommodation.

Yours truly,
ANN PARRY,
Whitebarns,
Furneux Pelham,
Buntingford,
Hertfordshire.
November 16.

Paper pounds

From Mr Anthony Rowley

Sir, I follow from a distance the sad saga of the demise of the British £1 note.

I have seen few more fatuous statements than that by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, to the effect that the £1 note has a "street life" of only 10 months. Of course it does if it is printed on paper of miserably low quality. The current £1 note is a pale shadow of its former self. We in Hongkong may have our problems, but the durability of the colony's notes is not one of them. The Hongkong 10 dollar note (roughly equal in value to the British pound nowadays) probably has a street life ten times that of the £1 note – simply because it is printed on good quality paper.

I can assure you the Hongkong currency gets no less challenging treatment at the hands of local taxi drivers, shopkeepers and others than does the £1 note in Britain.

To do away with the £1 note is to further devalue the pound in the eyes of users. That can only help inflation, just as decimalisation of the currency did by creating confusion over the value of coins, effectively debasing them.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY H. ROWLEY,
Business Editor,
Far Eastern Economic Review
GPO Box 160,
Hongkong.
November 14.

From Lord Ridley

Sir, Why do we not follow the example of Jersey which has had a square £1 coin for some time? It cannot possibly be mistaken for anything else.

RIDLEY,
House of Lords.
November 15.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 20. The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Hon Robert Boscawen MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, Oxfordshire where His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt) and the Chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Mr A. Allen).

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury, where His Royal Highness was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Hon John Fremantle, RN).

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Brigadier Clive Robertson, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended the Variety Club of Great Britain Women of the Year Awards 1984 at The Queen's Hotel, Leeds where Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (Sir William Bulmer).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Malcolm Innes, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and the Royal Train.

Lady Rose Baring has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 20: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon opened the North Woolwich Old Station Museum.

Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton were in attendance.

Her Majesty was present this evening at a Reception given by the London Caithness Association at the Royal Scottish Corporation.

Lady Angela Oswald and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 20: The Prince of Wales, Chairman, The Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, this evening gave a reception at Kensington Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception and Dinner given by the Welsh Centenary Committee of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President, at Cardiff Castle.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was received on arrival at Cardiff-Wales Airport by Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Counties of Glamorgan.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Aird.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 20: The Duke of Kent was entertained at dinner this evening by His Excellency The Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey and Madame Gumrükçüoglu at 69, Portland Place, London W1.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, patron, London Playing Fields Society, will attend a luncheon at the Oriental Club, on November 27.

A memorial service for Mrs Maitland Makgill Crichton will be held tomorrow, Thursday, November 22 at Holy Trinity, Brompton, at 3pm.

Transport of delight: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother at the window of the driver's cab of the steam locomotive, the Flying Scotsman, which yesterday took her from Stratford station in east London, to open the North Woolwich Old Station Museum. The driver, Mr Tony Gooding, (right) presenting the Queen Mother with an oil painting to mark the journey, said: "She told us she had enjoyed her journey immensely, and I think she was a little nostalgic."

Birthdays today

Sir Alex Alexander, 68; Miss Beryl Bainbridge, 50; Mr John Boulting and Mr Roy Boulting, 71; Mr J. D. Bullimore, 55; Mr John Fernald, 79; Mr Gordan Ferris, 32; Dr Michael Grant, 70; Air Chief Marshal Sir Theodore McEvoy, 80; Professor G. E. H. Reuter, 63; Mr Telly Savalas, 62; Earl Waldegrave, 79; Mr Malcolm Williamson, 53; Viscount Younger of Leckie, 78.

University news

Cambridge University proposes to establish the first professorship of animal welfare in Britain.

It will be paid for by a gift of £350,000 from the British Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Trust

Latest wills

Mrs Clodagh Mary Andrese, of Bentworth, Hampshire, left estate valued at £966,999 net.

Mr David Norman Taylor, of Northampton, farmer, left estate valued at £778,026 net. After personal bequests of effects, he left the remainder of his property to the Norman Taylor Educational and Aid for the Elderly Trust.

Mabel Rose Impey, of Nutley, East Sussex, left estate valued at £529,907 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Allen, Mrs Anne, of Blackpool, Lancashire £293,965
Edwards, Mrs Kathleen Freda, of Pinner, Middlesex £279,059
Gibb, Mr Robert, of Chelmsford, Essex £224,313
Grove, Mr Thomas Leslie, of Oldbury on Severn, Avon, intestate £234,658
Hillary, Helen Elizabeth, of East Meon, Hampshire, intestate £224,108
Levi, Mr Mervyn Thomas, of Maxstoke, Warwickshire ...£313,541
Little, Mr Alexander Noel, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire £249,645
Webb-Peploe, Mrs Theoda Albertine, of Claygate, Surrey £232,648
Ridpath, Mr Godfrey Harold Leon, of Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, intestate £275,231
Simpson, Mrs Amy, of Newark, Nottinghamshire £206,807
Woods, Mr Derrick John, of Guildford, Surrey £243,080

Luncheon

Lady Mayoress of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster yesterday gave a luncheon at City Hall in honour of the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

Those present included:
The Chairman of the GLC, the Earl and Countess of Perth, Lady Plummer of St Marylebone, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Carpenter, Captain and Mrs O Elsom, Mr and Mrs B Hall, Mr Patrick Hyndman, Mr John Poland, Mr and Mrs R Pullen, the Rev Dr I and Mrs Levy, Father Liddle, Councillor and Mrs A Johnston, Mr R G Brooke and Miss D M Towell.

Reception

British-Australia Bicentenary
Sir Peter Gadsden, Chairman of the British-Australia Bicentennial Committee, and Mr John Reid, Chairman of the Australian Bicentennial Authority, held a reception last night at Australia House to launch a national programme of Britain's participation in the bicentenary of European settlement in Australia, the date falling in 1988.

Those attending included:
The High Commissioner for Australia, the Earl of Gowrie, Lord McFadzean, Lord Shackleton, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, the Agent General for New South Wales, Mr R F W Watson, Sir Anthony Burney, Sir Charles Troughton, Sir Robin Vanderfelt, Lady McKay, Air Vice-Marshal Anthony Caillard and Canon Rex Davis.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Bernard Weatherill were hosts at a dinner given in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of the trustees and council of the Industry and Parliament Trust.

Those present were:
Lord Irving of Dartford, Mr J Craigen, MP, Lord Scanlon, Baroness Seear, Mr B Wells, MP, Mr W Barclay, Mr L Baxter, Mr B Benson, Mr H E Bolter, Mr W P Bowman, Miss S Chaytor, Mr G H Clarke, Mr R M Dafter, Mr P Earl, Mr A Eden-Green, Mr R J Gosson, Mr J Grinling, Mr A H Hawksworth, Mr F R Hyde-Chambers, Mr K D Irons, Mr F Kenaghan, Mr B H Kent, Mr D McGeachie, Mr A Maisner, Mr R Marriott, Mr B Millner, Mr D Moon, Mr G R H Orbell, Mr B Powell-Jones, Mr G K Richardson, Mr F Rogers, Mr G E Thorne, Mr P N Vey, Mr D B Walton, Mr M Walters, Mr H Weale, Mr W M Windsor and Mr B J P Woods.

Standing Council of the Baronetage
The annual dinner of the executive committee of the Standing Council of the Baronetage took place at the Turf Club yesterday. The guests were: Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal King of Arms, Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Lord Lyon King of Arms, Mr Michael Head, Home Office Registrar of the Baronetage. Sir Rowland Whithead, Bt, chairman of the standing council, was the speaker.

Among those present were:
Sir Nicholas Bacon, Premier Baronet of England, Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, Bt, Major Sir Hereward Wake, Bt, Viscount Gough, Commander Sir Peter Agnew, Bt, Sir Charles Rowley, Bt, Sir Peter Troubridge, Bt, Sir Richard Neville, Bt, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Bt, Sir Henry Warner, Bt, Sir Simon Dunning, Bt, Sir Ronald Lindsay, Bt (vice chairman of committee), Sir Tobias Clarke, Bt (treasurer) and Mr Henry Bedingfeld, Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms (secretary).

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
The annual dinner of the Chartered Quantity Surveyors Division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Peter Graham, president of the division, was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, and Mr W. D. Prosser, QC.

City of London Solicitors' Company
Mr D. F. Gray, Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The other speakers were Lord Quinton, Mr James Sutherland and Sir Max Williams, Junior Warden.

British Mexican Society
The annual dinner of the British Mexican Society was held last night at Painters' Hall. The Mexican Ambassador, president, and Mr Norman Cox, chairman, received the guests.

Among those present were:
Viscount and Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein, Lord and Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic, the Nicaraguan Ambassador and Senora de d'Escoto, the Cuban Ambassador, the High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago and the Spanish Ambassador.

Institution of Production Engineers
The 1984 E. W. Hancock Paper was presented by Sir Richard O'Brien to the Institution of Production Engineers yesterday and a dinner was given afterwards by the president, Professor M. G. Farley at the Royal Society.

Among those present were:
Mr A Aspinall; Mr P H F Burton; Miss M N Dancer; Mr G B Dawe; Mr H F Gadd; Mr S Gilliland; Mr D W Hancock; Mr M W Hancock; Dr H Peter Jost; Mr R J Miskin; Mr B Nicholson; Dr I D Hussey; Sir Robert Telford; Mr F Turner; Sir Alan Veale and Mr L J Weaver.

Guild of Guardians of Bristol
The Annual Dinner of the Guild of Guardians of Bristol was held yesterday at the Merchants' Hall, Bristol. The Master, Mr J. J. Cockle, presided and the principle guests were the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers, Mr D. C. Tudway Quilter and Alderman G. E. Maggs. Mr R. W. Smedley was installed as the new Master.

Service Dinner

London University Air Squadron
London University Air Squadron held their annual dinner last night at their Squadron Headquarters. The Commanding Officer, Wing Commander A. N. Wise, presided, and the guests of honour were Air Marshal Sir David Harcourt-Smith, Air Officer Commanding in Chief RAF Support Command, and Professor Randolph Quirk, Vice-Chancellor of London University

Forthcoming marriages

Mr F. J. Roos and Miss S. Fitzalan Howard
A marriage has been arranged between Francis Jacques Roos, of 157 Boulevard Saint Germain, Paris, only son of M Jean Jacques Roos and the late Mrs Jean Jacques Roos, and Sarah, second daughter of Lord and Lady Martin Fitzalan Howard, of Brockfield Hall, York.

Mr D. J. Sparrow and Miss J. K. Ashmore
The engagement is announced between Derek John, son of Mr Alexander Sparrow and Mrs Muriel Rose Sparrow, and Jane, eldest daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Ashmore.

Mr D. Ashley and Miss C. Pagano
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Ashley, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sam Pagano, of Boulder, Colorado, United States.

Mr S. M. Bloor and Miss B. C. Milner
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mrs I. Bloor and the late Flight Lieutenant W. Bloor, of Derbyshire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs I. Milner, of Kent.

Mr E. Charlton and Miss E. Bain
The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. E. W. St. G. Charlton, of Lee Hall, Wark-on-Tyne, Northumberland, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Bain, of Pembridge Villas, London.

Commander B. A. Dutch, RANEM, and Miss S. V. Andrewartha
The engagement is announced between Brian Aubrey Dutch, of Adelaide, South Australia, son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Dutch, of Launceston, Tasmania (recently of Sydney, New South Wales), and Susan Vevers Andrewartha, of London, W14, daughter of Professor Emeritus H. G. Andrewartha, of Adelaide, South Australia, and the late Mrs Vevers Andrewartha. The marriage will take place quietly in Adelaide on December 14, 1984.

Mr R. J. Grant and Miss L. M. Rowe
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. J. H. Grant, of Bromley, Kent, and Lucinda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Rowe, of Woodside, Peasmarsh, Sussex.

Mr J. S. Neilson and Miss A. C. Green
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs I. D. Neilson, of Iver, Buckinghamshire, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. H. Green of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr J. Grazebrook and Miss A. Day
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Grazebrook, of The Old Rectory, Gussage St Michael, Dorset, and Arabella, eldest daughter of Mr Michael Day, of 19 Sumner Place, London, SW7, and South Cerney, Gloucestershire, and Mrs John Brookes, of Rest Hill House, Over Worton, Oxfordshire.

Flight Lieutenant J. D. Greville-Heygate and Miss E. L. Bosworth
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. A. Greville-Heygate, of Downton, Wiltshire, and Emma, younger daugher of Mr and Mrs E. C. Bosworth, of Nottingham.

Mr I. H. Macalpine-Leny and Miss A. E. Ailes
The engagement is announced between Ian Harley, only son of the late Major K. H. Macalpine-Leny and Mrs Nancy Macalpine-Leny, of The Old Rectory, Doddington, Lincoln, and Anne Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Rear Admiral John W. Ailes, III, USN, and Mrs Carlton R. Adams, of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Mr R. H. F. Merriam and Miss P. J. Gidley-Kitchin
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. H. K. Merriam, of Holton Lodge, Holton St Mary, Colchester, and Penelope, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G. C. B. Gidley-Kitchin, of Wybournes, Kemsing, Sevenoaks.

Mr C. Stops and Miss R. Spooner
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mrs Joy Stops and the late Mr Paul Stops, of Melbourne, Australia, and Rosemary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Spooner, of Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire.

Mr A. J. P. Sykes and Miss N. R. H. Treverton
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Sykes, of Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire, and Nancy, daughter of the late Mr Lloyd Hoehn and Mrs Ruth Hoehn, of Tucson, Arizona.

Dr H. Whitehead and Miss L. Weilgart
The engagement is announced between Hal, eldest son of Dr and Mrs D. S. Whitehead, of Inwoods, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Lindy, daughter of the late Professor Weilgart and Mrs Weilgart, of Decorah, Iowa, United States.

Marriage

Mr D. Robinson and Mrs J. Vinten
A service of blessing was held at St Mary's Church, Kersey, on Saturday, November 17, after the marriage of Mr Dennis Robinson and Mrs Joan Vinten, now living at The Corner House, Kersey, Suffolk.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Michael McCrum, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, to be chairman of The Joint Educational Trust in succession to Dame Diana Reader Harris.

Mr Frank Eric Gerstenberg to be Principal of George Watson's College, in succession to Sir Roger Young.

Civil service
Mr D. M. Spiers to be Deputy Controller Aircraft, Ministry of Defence.

Church News

The Rev B Wardrobe, Headmaster of Song School and Vicar Choral of York Minster, diocese of York, to be Chaplain, All Saints', Rome, diocese of Europe.

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Canon H Adkins, Vicar of Barkby and Queniborough, and Rural Dean of Goscote 2, diocese of Leicester, to resign as Rural Dean of Goscote 2.
The Rev R A Brownrigg, Vicar of Petersham, diocese of Southwark, to retire on February 16, 1985.
The Rev P C Chitty, Priest-in-charge of St Margaret's, Coventry, diocese of Coventry, retired on October 31, 1984.
The Rev I S Parker, Rector of Doddinghurst and Vicar of Mountnessing, diocese of Chelmsford, to resign on November 30, 1984.
The Rev G H N Parsons, Assistant Curate of St Mary, Caterham, and Chaplain, St Lawrence Hospital, Caterham, diocese of Southwark, to retire on December 31, 1984.

RHS Show

Hearts of green and gold

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

Only one gold medal has been awarded at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened yesterday in Westminster. The exhibitor is Anmore Exotics, of Lovedean, Portsmouth, who has staged tropical plants for flowers and foliage interest, including the rare and beautiful foliage plant, *Anthuriam crystallinum*, which they are able to offer. This has heart-shaped, deep green velvety leaves, the veins being picked out in white crystal-like lines. In full flower are groups of *Calathea crocata*, whose vivid orange bracts contrast strongly with the deep green and purple foliage.

Autumn is late this year so the hall is well filled with autumn leaves and berries. There is emphasis, too, on foliage colour from evergreen shrubs and conifers. Autumn bulbs are much in evidence, including lilies, together with orchids; and the centrepiece of the show is a collection of late-flowering spray chrysanthemums, staged by the RHS Garden, Wisley.

Several competitions are being held in conjunction with the show including the RHS competition for hardy ornamental trees and shrubs. A leading prizewinner is Ann, Countess of Rosse and the National Trust, Nymans Gardens, Handcross, Sussex, gaining first prizes for *Hydrangea* 'Madame Mouilliere' (white flowers) and *Photinia beaverdiana notabilis* (orange berries).

The National Trust, Sheffield Park Gardens, Sussex has been awarded the Rosse Cup for conifers shown for foliage effect (*Juniperus monosperma, Picea breweriana* and *Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*). Lord Aberconway and the National Trust, Bodnant, Colwyn Bay, gained a first prize for *Magnolia delavayi* with large evergreen leaves. Also noteworthy is *Nyssa sylvatica* (orange-scarlet foliage) which gained a first for Mrs A. H. Potter, of Wentworth, Surrey; and *Pittosporum tenuifolium* 'Garnetii' (cream-edged leaves), which gained first prize for a novice competitor, Marigold Assinder, of London.

The RHS late apple and pear competition is well supported with apples, but not with pears. Three dessert apples ('Ida Red', 'Cox's' and 'Gala') gained a first prize for C. P. Hollis, of Romford; and he also won a first for three cooking varieties ('Howgate Wonder', 'Newton Wonder' and 'Blenheim Orange').

In the Orchid Society of Great Britain's competition, a first-time exhibitor, Mr A. Wyatt, of Chislehurst, has gained a clutch of trophies. He has won the L. G. Page challenge trophy for be best-grown plant in the open and novice sections, with *Cymbidium pumisan* 'Cooksbridge'; and the Myers Trophy for the best-grown plant in the novice section, with *Zygopetalum* 'John Banks'. He has also won the Wyld Court-Garton trophy for a cymbidium hybrid.

The orchid committee has given an award of merit to *Phalaenopsis* Zumagold 'Cheam', exhibited by Cheam Orchids, of Cheam, Surrey.

The show is open today from 10 am to 5 pm,

OBITUARY

MR TRYGVE BRATTELI
Former Prime Minister of Norway

Mr Trygve Bratteli, who died in Oslo yesterday at the age of 74, was twice Prime Minister of Norway, from 1971 to 1972 and from 1973 to 1976, and one of the country's most prominent political figures since the Second World War.

The son of a shoemaker, he belonged to a generation of Labour politicians who, through self-education and hard work, rose from modest backgrounds to high positions in Norwegian life. He was regarded as a man of unfailing integrity which, coupled with wide knowledge of the facts, reliability and calm judgment, made him trusted even by those who did not share his political affiliations.

On the main cause which he espoused during his time as Prime Minister, however, he was unsuccessful. He believed strongly in Norwegian membership of the European Community, but after a hard-fought campaign for the referendum held in 1972 he was defeated and resigned.

He again led a Labour government in 1973-76, but his defeat over the EEC continued to cast a cloud over his political life, and eventually undermined his position.

Bratteli was born on January 11, 1910, in Nøtterøy, and during his early life earned a living by a succession of manual jobs, including work on Antarctic whaling ships, interrupted by spells of unemployment. He joined the Labour Party, and worked as a journalist on party publications.

When the Germans occupied Norway in 1940, Bratteli was leader of the party's youth section. He joined the Resistance, was arrested in 1942, and was sent to a concentration camp in Germany. He barely survived, being rescued by Allied troops in 1945.

After the war he returned to politics and was elected to Parliament in 1950. He was Minister of Finance from 1951 to 1955 and from 1956 to 1960. From 1960 to 1964 he was Minister of Communications. He became party leader in 1965, and formed his first govenment in 1971. He remained a member of Parliament until 1981.

Bratteli was a social democrat by inclination, with a preference for gradual reform in domestic affairs and a firm commitment to the Western Alliance and to Atlantic and European cooperation in external policy. He was a reserved man of austere habits, known for a quiet and modest style of life and the avoidance of flamboyance.

MR JOHN ANDERSON

Mr John Anderson CB, CBE, who through a long career did distinctive and varied work as a scientist in the service of the Admiralty, died at his home at Haslemere on November 11. He was 88.

Born at Beith, Ayrshire, Anderson received his technical education at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow. He joined the Admiralty in 1918 at a time when serious attention was being given, at high scientific level, to the problem of detecting the submerged submarine, and he spent many years developing means of detection by underwater acoustic echo ranging. This was carried out largely at Portland, at what was then known as the Anti-Submarine Experimental Establishment, HMS Osprey.

It was largely owing to his work in this field that there was, at the outbreak of the Second World War, effective equipment already fitted in many ships. He continued this work throughout the war, but the establishment was moved to Fairlie on the Clyde from 1940 to 1946. In 1943 he became Superintending Scientist of the establishment, continuing in this capacity after its return to Portland in 1946.

In 1951 Anderson was promoted to be Chief Scientist at the Admiralty Signals and Radar Establishment at Haslemere, which was soon transferred to Portsdown, where it was augmented some years later by incorporating the Admiralty Gunnery Establishment, and renamed the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment.

It was a bold step to appoint for such responsibilities a man, aged 55, whose background had been entirely in the field of underwater acoustics; but the move was a success, largely because of his personal qualities. "Jock", as he was known to many, was a dynamic personality, giving strong leadership to his scientific staff, and having a quick intellectual grasp of issues involved. In addition he had the ability to get on well with naval officers, seeing their point of view and getting them to see his.

He retired in 1961 with the satisfaction that during his term at ASRE/ASWE it had made important new equipments available to the Fleet.

He was created CB in 1956, having been made CBE in 1950. He also received the U.S. Medal of Freedom in 1946.

His wife, Isobel, predeceased him by 9 years; they had no children.

SIR JOHN CRAWFORD

Sir John Crawford, AC, CBE, who has died at the age of 74, made a distinguished contribution both to Australian life and to the well-being of developing countries through his role as adviser to the World Bank. He held senior positions as a civil servant and then, on his return to academic life, became first Vice-Chancellor and, later, Chancellor of the Australian National University.

He was born on April 4, 1910, educated at Sydney University and Harvard University, and became an agricultural economist. He first came into prominence in the later years of the Second World War when he became director of research and then director of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics within the Ministry of Postwar Reconstruction. He was one of a team of young public servants, who did much to shape economic and social life in Australia in the postwar period, becoming Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Agriculture (1950-56) and of the Department of Trade (1956-60).

As the main adviser and negotiator for successive governments in international trade matters he helped to create the shift of Australian trade policies towards greater liberalism and to urge industry to greater competitiveness. He was largely responsible for the restoration of normal commercial relations between Australia and Japan and for the development of an extensive trading partnership.

At the age of 50 he left the public service to resume the academic career he had left in 1943. He became director of the Research School of Pacific Studies at ANU, and from 1968 to 1973 was Vice-Chancellor, showing in both positions a determination that the university's research should bear upon and influence government policy on the major issues of the day.

At the same time he continued and extended his role as adviser and consultant, serving on public inquiries on issues of economic policy and becoming an agricultural adviser to the World Bank. The pressure of this outside work led him to resign at the end of his first term as Vice-Chancellor and he devoted more of his time to the World Bank. His influence in India in particular was reflected in a considerable improvement in food production.

Crawford retained his interest in ANU, and in 1976 became its Chancellor. It was perhaps as a university administrator that his diverse capacities were best displayed. As Vice-Chancellor he had given purpose and energy to the university's research programme, and his grasp of the broad intellectual influences of his time lent coherence and relevance to his plans for the university's future.

He showed, too, a remarkable understanding of, and sympathy with, student attitudes. At ANU, as elsewhere, student activism flared up in the late 1960s, but it was orderly and found in Crawford a firm but sympathetic administrator who was responsive to the need for change.

In 1978 he was created Companion of the Order of Australia, having been appointed CBE in 1954, and knighted in 1959. He married in 1935 Jessie Anderson Morgan, and they had one daughter.

MR JOHN McQUADE

Mr John McQuade, who has died at the age of 72, was MP for North Belfast, representing the Democratic Unionist Party, from 1979 to 1983, and was active in politics in Northern Ireland for many years as a fiercely loyalist unionist. In 1971 he was one of those who with the Rev Ian Paisley, broke with the official Unionist Party and formed the DUP.

McQuade was born in Shankill, in Belfast, in July, 1912, and educated at a public elementary school in Belfast. At various times he earned his living as a professional boxer, under the name Jack Higgins, and as a docker. During the Second World War he served with the Chindits in Burma.

He made his way in local politics, and in 1965 was elected to the Northern Ireland Parliament as a Unionist for the Belfast Woodvale constituency. He became increasingly critical of the official party leadership, and left the party in 1971. He resigned his seat the following year when the Parliament suspended.

In 1973 he was elected to the new Northern Ireland Assembly as DUP member for North Belfast, and contributed along with other members of his party to the turbulence of its debates. He served until 1975, when he again resigned. He was later elected to Westminster in 1979, but did not stand in 1983 because of ill health.

Mr Arthur Frederick Rouse, C.M.G., of Alicedale Farm, Beatrice, Zimbabwe, died on October 15, aged 74. Early in his career he was in the Ministry of Labour in Britain, and then with the I.L.O.

Science report

Lasers help re-map Japan

From Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent, Tokyo

Laser technology and the techniques for the manipulation of light are being harnessed by Japanese scientists to start a nuclear reaction in one project and in another to determine accurately the geographical position of landmasses.

In the first experiment researchers from Canon, the camera and business machines manufacturer, have helped design the "corner cube" prisms fitted to a geographical survey satellite to be launched in the spring of 1986.

The prisms would be the shape realized from taking the corner from a cube. About 1,400 of these prisms are to be positioned around the satellite and reflect the light from a laser source positioned on Earth.

The corner cubes' faces are perpendicular to each other and are able to reflect light along the same direction in which it came. Accurate detection of the returning light allows the scientists to measure geographical locations with great precision.

The technique to be used on the satellite was researched by the Japanese National Space Development Agency and the project planned by the Geographical Survey Institute and other agencies concerned with maritime safety.

The idea is to use the spacecraft to determine the positions of the many isolated islands around Japan.

The satellite will be a sphere of one metre in diameter. It will be placed in a low orbit at about 1,500 kilometres. At any time about 30 of the corner cubes will be facing the Earth and being used to obtain the survey results.

Similar techniques in advanced optical equipment design are being used at the Institute of Laser Engineering at Osaka University. Canon has also been involved in the development of the mirrors, windows and lenses required for the nuclear experiment.

A laser source is eventually split into 12 parallel beams which are amplified at specific stages and then focused on one spot through an optical sphere.

The concentrated light is then focused on an isotope of hydrogen to produce an atom of helium, generating in the processes a light pressure and temperature environment which in turn are used to generate electricty. The heat is absorbed by the containing furnace and then conducted to the generators.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Reality of a 'white hot' technological revolution

Sir Nicholas Goodison attempted yesterday to scotch growing speculation that the Stock Exchange will be forced to ask for an extension of the end 1986 deadline agreed with the Government for scrapping stockbrokers' minimum commissions the clearance of the stock exchange was opening the Computers in the City Conference at the Barbican Centre, London when he said:

"Internal studies have led to the formation of a strategic plan for technical development to meet the new needs and it begins to look as if it could be the autumn of 1986 before we can intoduce the new market quotation and surveillance systems."

He went on: "We are of course determined to beat the date, but our ability to meet it depends very much on avoiding technological accidents."

Just so the changes of these occurring would appear quite high, considering the huge scale of the task facing Exchange's growing band of technology buffs.

The Stock Exchange is suffering from similar problems with the technology it needs for its new trading system. These were eloquently spelt out at the conference yesterday by Mr George Hayter, the information services director. The initial systems that would be installed in time to meet the Government deadline would make as much use as possible of existing machinery. Two years after the introduction of the initial trading support system, Mr Hayter expects something much more ambitious. The target system is code-named Mantis (Market and Trading Information System). It will be fully interactive.

Under the initial system, which has been called SEAQ (Stock Exchange automated quotes) in deference to Nasdaq, the US over-the-counter network to which it bears a considerable resemblance, all bargains will be done in time-honoured fashion, by direct negotiation either on the telephone or face to face. Mantis will bring electronic, push-button dealing.

Mr Hayter said he believed this sort of automatic dealing would be most suitable for smaller orders in active stocks. This is still by far the most common type of Stock Exchange transaction. About 83 per cent of equity bargains are of less than £10,000.

Sunday shopping off the shelf

This afternoon we will learn the conclusions of a committee appointed by the Home Office to review the Sunday trading laws. It was set up to get the Government off a political hook; keen to invigorate the retail sector by loosening the trading laws, its encouragement of a private member's bill to change the law ran into strong sabbatarian resistance in the Commons.

Now the Archbold Committee is certain to recommend considerable liberalization, and with the support of economic analysis by the Institute for Fiscal Studies, the Government should be able to effect changes. Although the claims of the greatest enthusiasts of the favourable impact on sales and employment are undoubtedly exaggerated, the iconsistencies and uneven enforcement of the existing law make reform essential.

The clear gainers will be those out-of-town stores which are building up business on the notion that shopping is fun for all the family; the consequence may be that more and more shops choose to close on a Monday, when the weekend shopping peak is over.

Mercury marriage retains its sparkle

The eye-catching detail in the mass of material which emerged yesterday about the Akroyd/Mercury/Rowe and Pitman/Mullens merger is the full-year profit figure from the jobbing "partner," Ackroyd. Pretax profits for the year to end-September were just £9.4 million, compared to the previous year's £16.1 million. It looks very much as if jobbing in the second half especially was a fairly hair-raising business. Profits fell from £6.7 million to just £1.7 million. Putting it another way, Akroyd made as much profit in the whole year of last year, as it did in the first six months of the previous year. Earnings per share are halved from 51.9p to 26.4p.

The S. G. Warburg component, by contrast, offered a smoother picture, mainly because it does not volunteer anything as crude as numbers. All the Warburg board was prepared to say yesterday was that group interim profits were ahead of the comparable period last year. When the merger details were announced, the bank was less sanguine.

Nevertheless, the atmosphere last night after the results were announced was one of relaxed calm. "Little bang", that is the announcement of the merger itself, has plainly proved a success, judging by the high level of acceptances – 90 per cent plus - from two signatories to the deal.

The operation is now looking to the future and concentrating in technical terms on those aspects of the four businesses where progress can be achieved before the Stock Exchange "big bang", when the new London gilts and equity markets go live. Stock Exchange assent to allow the introductin of outside membership is one hurdle. Another may well be the formidable task of knitting together 1,700 staff from the four separate businesses, all of which had separate capital structures, and hence salary tiers, into one coherent unit.

Mr David Scoley, chairman of Mercury, was at pains to stress the adequacy of the equity capital base at £250 million. In the past, Warburg, he said, had been driven by the profit and loss account rather than by the balance sheet footage. He saw no reason for that situation to change and he felt sufficiently confident last night to suggest that further links, involving Tokyo and New York connections, might well come about.

US growth drops below 2% for first time since 1982

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US economy had another, unexpectedly sharp slowdown during the third quarter, with growth dropping below 2 per cent for the first time since the final quarter of 1982, the Administration said yesterday.

Revised third quarter figures showing growth at an annual rate of 1.9 per cent headed a list of gloomy economic news which confirmed the slowdown.

The Commerce Department released the figures as White House officials admitted privately that growing internal differences among President Reagan's top advisers are clouding the outlook for substantive deficit reduction measures in the new budget.

A core group of nine top advisers have been meeting for more than a week to shape Mr Reagan's new fiscal programme and agree on ways to reduce the mounting defict now projected at more than $200 billion (£161 billion) this fiscal year.

News of the worsening stalemate over fiscal policy coincided with the reports that US housing starts dropped sharply last month by 9.8 per cent to an annual rate of 1.515 million units and that after-tax profits of US corporations fell 7.3 per cent to an adjusted annual rate of $139.3 billion in the third quarter.

Commerce Department officials said the figures for both new housing starts and permits for future construction, which dropped 2.2 per cent last month, were the lowest since December, 1982 when the economy was moving out of the steep recession.

Mr Reagan's economic advisers said earlier that the sharp drop in growth was the main reason that the Government's projections for the federal budget deficit have twice been revised upwards, from $170 billion at the end of the election campaign to as much as $120 billion by the end of the present fiscal year on September 30.

Members of the core group fear that the increasing deficit will drive up interest rates, given projections that will account for more than 5 per cent of the national output of goods and services this fiscal year.

But because almost two-thirds of the budget has been put "off-limits" for cuts by President Reagan who has also said he will not support a tax increase, officials are becoming pessimistic they will be able to break the stalemate over fiscal policy.

An official involved in the talks said: "We are trying to develop features of the budget which will allow acceptable growth without a tax increase."

Officials of the core group, which includes the Secretaries of Treasury and Commerce, Mr David Stockman, the Director of the Budget Office and Mr James Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, are attempting to convince the President to accept a large, across-the-board cut in federal spending.

UK recovery 'to falter next March'

The improvement in the economic cycle in Britain is scheduled to come to an end early next year, official statisticians say, writes our Economics Correspondent. This is despite the fact that the longer leading index for the economy picked up further last month.

The longer leading index, one of four sets of cyclical indicators published regularly by the Government, rose between July and October after a sharp fall between March and July. Lower interest rates, higher share prices and improved business confidence have helped the index to recover.

However, the initial fall in the index from March's level of 110.4 (1980=100) to 104.8 in July, while probably exaggerated, is regarded by the statisticians as signalling a turning point in activity next March.

Citibank cuts rate

Citibank unusually took the lead in London by cutting its sterling base rate by 0.5 per cent to 9.5 per cent for corporate clients.

Other banks failed to follow Barclays, which cut its base rate to 9.75 per cent on Monday in line with the money market formula it has adopted as a direct guide to base rates.

Although the Bank of England endorsed the Barclays move by cutting its own dealing rates in line, the other clearing banks were waiting for conditions to be right to cut their rates by half a point. The Bank of England resisted the extra quarter-point cut yesteeday.

The three-month interbank rate for wholesale money eased further and it is seen as merely a matter of time before the other banks follow Citibank's example, with the Bank of England possibly timing its approval to suit the flotation of British Telecom shares.

Citibank quoted the downtrend of rates in the money market rather than absloute numbers as the reason for its cut and it was noticeable that discount houses were not anxious to sell bills yesterday tha Bank of England's dealing rates.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1,159.4 down 3.0 (high: 1,164.4; low: 1,157.7)
FT Index: 912.8 down 6.3
FT Gilts: 83.04 up 0.10
FT All Share: 549.34 down 3.49
Bargains: 20,199
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 105.07 down 0.37
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1,190.14 up 4.86
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 11,256.98 down 27.23
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,072.52 up 4.91
Amsterdam: 174.7 up 0.2
Sydney: AO Index 772.5 down 2.4
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1,075.8 up 4.6
Paris: CAC Index 179.7 down 0.5

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
Index 76.0 unchanged (range 76.1-76.0)
$1.2410 down 65pts
DM 3.7345 down 0.0030
FrF 11.4250 down 0.0325
Yen 303.50 down 0.50
Dollar
Index 140.0 up 0.2
DM 3.0080 up 0.01

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.2380
Dollar DM 3.0092

INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.597648
SDR £0.901044

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 10-9¾
Finance houses base rate 11
Discount market loans week fixed 9⅝-9½
3 month interbank 9 13/16-9 9/16

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9⅝-9½
3 month DM 5⅞-5¾
3 month Fr F11⅜-11¼

US rates
Bank prime rate 11.75
Fed funds 9¼
Treasury long bond 101 21/32-101 25/32

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period October 3 to November 6 1984, inclusive: 10.616 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $342.65 pm $342.65
close $342.50-343 (£275.50-276)
New York (latest): $342.10
Krugerrand* (per coin): $353-354.50 (£284-285.25)
Sovereigns* (new): $80.75-81.75 (£65-66)
*Excludes VAT

Bank has to downgrade computer gilts service

by Jeremy Warner

Plans for the Bank of England's new computerized gilts settlement service have had to be substantially revised because of technical problems.

The Bank had envisaged a system in which every big user of the gilts markets as well as all the market's leading players would be able to settle gilt-edged security transactions electronically through the Central Gilts Office service.

However, it has recently become apparent that it would be impossible to install a reliable system before Big Bang day when the Stock Exchange is due to install its new trading system. This is expected towards the end of 1986.

Last month, the Bank, in conjunction with the Stock Exchange which is helping to establish the new settlement service, decided to attempt to build a considerably less ambitious service which will be available only to the market's professionals, the primary dealers, inter-dealer brokers, money brokers, discount houses and stock lenders.

It will not be available to the institutional investors whose settlement will still have to be executed in the traditional way.

The Bank of England still intends to develop the service originally envisaged in future years

Extra £750m set aside for strike

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The treasury published its winter supplementary estimates for public expenditure yesterday, providing details of overrun on spending during the current financial year.

The estimates, which are consistent with the autumn statement planning total for public expenditure in 1984/85 of £128 billion, show that £2,999 billion of additional provision has been sought for the first half of the year, of which £2,207 million counts as public expenditure.

Around £750 million of additional provision is directly related to the coal strike. The deficit grant to the National Coal Board has been increased by £607 million, while the police grant has been boosted by £155 million, in respect of the policing costs of the strike.

Of the £2,207 million of additional provision which is classified as public expenditure (the NCB deficit grant does not show up directly but only through any change in the NCB's external financing limit), £1,260 million is to be met from the reserve and £947 million from existing programmes.

The major increases in voted expenditure are for housing benefits, £389 million, mainly because of a higher number of beneficiaries; export credit services, £380 million, because of higher than expected claims; the EEC Budget, £280 million; and defence procurement, £251 million.

Two separate votes, of £152 million and £143 million, increase the provision for health and personal social services, mainly because of pay rises for medical staff. Additional provision of £147 million is sought for supplementary benefits.

Overall, the Treasury says, supply expenditure is running at slightly less than five per cent above its level in the first half of 1983/84, which is a more optimistic picture than that presented in the monthly public sector borrowing requirement figures.

Dixons hits at 'gift for taxman'

By Christopher Dunn

The Dixons camp yesterday launched an attack on the proposed capital reconstruction by Currys, alleging that it represented a free gift of Currys' assets to the tax man.

Dixons is locked in a bitter bid battle with Currys, and offering 499p to take over the High Street retailer. On Monday, as part of its defence, Currys unveiled plans to reorganize its capital base, and give shareholders 150p via sale and leasebacks of its property portfolio.

Last night, Mr Roger Seelig of Morgan Grenfell, which is acting for Dixons, condemed Currys' plan as completely inefficient.



Stanley Kalms: chairman of Dixons

He said: "The tax man will receive almost as much from the deal if it goes through as the Currys' shareholders. The company will have to pay £20 million in Capital Gains Tax, and so will the shareholders making £40 million. But after tax, Currys' shareholders will only get about £50 million. It is an horrendous scheme."

The Currys' group, he said would be left with higher borrowings and rentals to pay, and much reduced property portfolio, even if the properties fetched present valuations in the open market.

New York offices become world's most expensive

By Judith Hartley, Commercial Property Correspondent

New York has emerged as the most expensive office location in the world, pushing the City of London in to second place for the first time in several years, according to Richard Ellis, the estate agent. Ellis's latest world-wide office rent survey shows that total occupation cost in New Yourk's best locations are £57 a sq ft, compared with the City of London's £55. The third most expensive location is Tokyo, where total occupation costs are £48 a sq ft.

Richard Ellis says that the doubling of office rents in New York since 1975 is partly due to the recent strength of the dollar and to the wave of confidence which spread across the US – which was reflected in President Reagan's recent landslide victory.

The agent predicts that rents in New York will continue to rise because there is a shortage of prime office space. The City of London was top of the league table for a long time as far as occupation costs go, but there has been little real rental growth of late.

Office rents in Hongkong have been hit by an oversupply of space and have dropped sharply.

Merrett offshoot pays £1m for underwriter

Creechurch Syndicate Managers, a newly formed subsidiary of Lloyd's largest underwriting group, Merrett Holdings, has made its first acquisition and bought the underwriting business of Lloyd's broker Stewart Wrightson for about £1m.

The business – Pulbrook managing agency – has five syndicates with about 600 Lloyd's names on them. The deal is subject to the approval of the Council of Lloyds.

Creechurch was set up to buy the underwriting interests of Lloyd's brokers which are being forced to divest by July 1987 under the terms of the Lloyd's Act.

Stewart Wrightson is one of Lloyd's top half dozen brokers.

Creechurch is talking to a few other brokers about potential acquisitions of their underwriting managing agencies.

Forward to halve branches

Forward Trust Group, Midland Bank's leasing subsidiary, is to close nearly half of its branches as part of a restructuring programme, writes Peter Wilson Smith, Our Banking Correspondent.

In order to improve the service to both business and personal customers, Forward Trust is creating 32 business centres in key areas throughout the country, all but two at existing branch sites. The business centres will be fitted with on-line computer technology. Some of them will take over the business of more than one branch, leading to the closure of 23 of the group's 53 United Kingdom branches.

The changes will be phased over the next year and there will be about 360 job losses out of the group's present staff of 2,100. Compulsory redundancies are not being ruled out although natural wastage and redeployment are expected to take care of most of the programme.

Forward Trust is taking a number of other measures to reduce costs, involving streamlining head office procedures.

The tax changes introduced in the 1984 Budget, which will ultimately reduce the attractions of leasing compared with other forms of finance, have accentuated the need to improve efficiency.

Mr Ian Paterson, chief executive, said yesterday that the changes took account of the Budget and were designed to match the changing needs of the group's customers.

Forward Trust reported profits up from £35.5 million to £36 million pretax in 1983 and expects to do at least as well this year.

● **WHITBREAD INVESTMENT:** Six months to Sept 30. Interim 2.17p (1.94p) (Figures in £000). Profit, before tax, 3,393 (2,967). EPS 3.73p (3.29p).

● **BARTON TRANSPORT:** Year to Sept. 29. Dividend on deferred shares doubled to 10 per cent. (Figs. in £000). Turnover 7,978 (7,689). Pretax profit 350 (139).

Hartons Group plans £8m merger

Hartons Group and Elson & Robbins are to merge in a deal worth £8.2 million, effectively creating a combined group dominated by a consumer products division with a £10 million turnover.

Just two months ago Hartons, the London plastic sheet distributor and consumer products group, applied to move from the USM to a full Stock Exchange listing.

Its terms for Elson are three Hartons shares and 16p cash for every Elson share already held. Barclays Merchant Bank is offering a 71p per share cash alternative. The equity offer values Elson at 82.6p per share compared with 68p before the bid.

Elson share jumped to 77p yesterday. Hartons eased 2p to 48p. No offer is being made for the Preference shares.

Harton has promises of acceptance from shareholders with almost 20 per cent of the equity. These include the directors with 6.25 per cent and Francis Sumner (Holdings), acting in concert with Hartons, with 4.65 per cent.

Elson's results which accompanied the merger terms show that pretax profits in the year to the end of last September fell from £1.21 million to £864,000 on a turnover which dropped from £18.23 million to £15.12 million.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Romana to raise £2m

Steaua Romana, a British company which once had oil interest in Romania, is seeking a quote on the Unlisted Securities Market to raise £2 million from shareholders to pay part of the cost of buying American oil and gas wells.

Romana' largest shareholder, Clabir International which first bought into the company in March this year, has promised to take up the rights on its entire 66.5 per cent stake guaranteeing a minimum £1.27 million for the company.

Clabir, an American investment company, announced last week that it was the new owner of a near 20 per cent stake in the USM-guoted Yelverton investment company. Three Clabir executives have taken over at Yelverton. The two companies now have Mr Henry Clark as chairman, Mr Nicholas Kittoe as chief executive and Mr Jeffrey Kaplan as a director.

Romana is paying a maximum of $9 million to acquire, from an United States subsidiary of Sulpetro of Canada, 216 oil and gas producing wells and exploration rights to about 157,000 undelveloped acres. The purchase is conditional on satisfactory investigations and the Stock Exchange granting Romana's shares to be quoted on the USM before December 14.

Terms of the rights issue are one new Romana ordinary restricted voting share at 32p for every two existing shares held, and compare with a quotation for the shares' last night of 34p. The issue is not underwritten.

● **C E HEATH,** the insurance broking group, reported interim pretax profits to September 30 up 47.2 per cent from £9.3 million last year to £13.7 million this time. Group broking profits rose from £4.9 million to £6.2 million and underwriting profits increased to £7 million from £3.9 million last year.

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● **YOUNG'S BREWERY** is to pay an interim dividend of 3p (2.5p), after pretax profits for the six months to September 30 rose from £1.6 million to £1.7 million. Tempus, page 23

● **METAL BOX** is to pay an interim dividend of 6.1p (5.8p) for the six months trading to September 30, after pretax profits improved from £30.3 million to £31.7 million.

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● **NORTHERN AMERICAN TRUST:** Final 4.6p making 6p (5.4p) for the year to October 31. Revenue after charges and tax £2,165,108 (£1,853,731). The United Kingdom tax charged in arriving at above figure: corporation tax £501,398 (313,071) and imputation tax £676,243 (£670,690). Earnings per share 6.32p (5.39p).

● **MARLING INDUSTRIES'** subsidiary Clough & Wood (Gaskets), has acquired the fixed trading assets, goodwill and trading name of Dolphin Automotive Parts from Marshalls Universals for £175,000 cash.

● **SHEFFIELD BRICK GROUP:** Six months to June 30. No interim (nil). (Figs. in £000). Turnover 1,445 (2,219). Pre-Interest profit, 45 (loss 129). Interest 44 (54).

● **HEADLAM, SIMS AND COGGINS:** Int. div 1p (1.4p) for half year to July 31. (Figs in £000). Group sales 3,984 (2,426). Pretax profit 92 (152).

RECENT ISSUES

RECENT ISSUES	Closing Price
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	173+1
Alida Holdings 25p Ord (140a)	147
Appledore A & P 10p Ord (87)	88+1
Breakmate 10p Ord (100a)	102
Brit Bloodstock Ag 25p Ord (165a·	225−3
CVD Inc Com Stock $0.01 (105a)	138−2
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (a)	160−5
Comp Fin Serv 5p Ord (85a)	80
Craton Lodge & Knight 1p Ord (115a)	162
Gabicci 5p Ord (78a)	90
Paul Michael L'wear 5p Ord (30a)	28
Plasmec 10p Ord (70a)	74
Second Market Inv 5p Ord (10)	11½+½
Shares Drug stores 10p Ord (140a)	188
Stone International 20p Ord (125)	138−1
T & S Stores 5p Ord (a)	110−1
Trade Promotion 10p Ord (75a)	80
U D O Holdings 10p Ord (110a)	125
Wales City of Lon Prop 25p Ord (100)	110

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in £'s per metric ton; Gasoil in US$ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Dec	616-96
Jan	625-85
Feb	635-15
Mar	645-25
Apr	685-35
May	665-45
Jun	675-55
Jul	686-65
Aug	695-75
Jan/Mar	635-15
Apl/Jun	665-45
Jul/Sep	696-75
COCOA	
Dec	1900-99
Mar	1851-50
May	1849-48
July	1848-47
Sep	1848-47
Dec	1887-08
Mar	1810-95
Vol:	4.507
COFFEE	
Nov	2548-2540
Jan	2358-2357
Mar	2243-2240
May	2201-2200
Jul	2187-2185
Sep	2173-2177
Nov	2170-2167
Vol:	4.507
GAS OIL	
Nov	232.75-32.25
Dec	236.50-36.25
Jan	237.75-37.50
Feb	235.75-35.50
Mar	327.00-30.00
Apl	226.75-25.50
May	227.00-25.00
Jun	228.00-23.50
Jly	230.00-22.00

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE [illegible]

SWISS FRANC [illegible]

EURODOLLAR [illegible]

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION [illegible]

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET [illegible]

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES [illegible]

London Grain Futures Market [illegible]

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1984 Interim Results

(six months to 30th September, 1984 – unaudited)

"Six months of continued progress, especially in the U.S.A."

DAVID RHEAD, CHAIRMAN.

	1984 £M	1983 £M
Group turnover	155.9	149.1
Trading profit		
Whitlock U.S.A.	3.6	2.7
Investment property	1.7	1.5
Vehicle distribution	1.5	1.4
Other operations	0.7	0.5
	7.5	6.1
Discontinued activities	(0.4)	—
Interest	(3.3)	(2.8)
Profit before tax	3.8	3.3
Net earnings per share	3.2p	2.7p
Dividend per share	1.8p	1.8p

Copies of the Interim Report are available from the Secretary

L.C.P. HOLDINGS plc

The Pensnett Estate, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 7LZ.

MONEY MARKETS

Interbank money opened yesterday on 10-9⅞ per cent, but soon went to 9⅞-9⅝ per cent, where it held for the rest of the morning. A slight firming established 10 per cent for the first part of the afternoon, but there was a dip to 9½ per cent in the later part of the session, followed by erratic movement in the closing minutes, which saw 10½-10 per cent before a final 8½ per cent.

Dealers reported quiet conditions in the periods. Interbank term deposits showed little change at the end of the day.

The shorter sterling certificates of deposit went a trifle firmer on their rates towards the finish. This reflected concern that the heavy traffic in British Telecom alloication money next week may cause congestion. Paper tended to be offered in the one-month and two-months slots. Other periods stayed subdued.

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10-9¾

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 10¼ Low 8

Week Fixed: 10-9¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)
Buying: 2 months 9[illegible]; 3 months 9[illegible]
Selling: 2 months 9[illegible]; 3 months 9[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)
1 month 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 1 month 10[illegible]
2 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 2 months 9[illegible]
3 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 3 months 9[illegible]
6 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 6 months 9[illegible]

Local Authority Bonds
1 month 10[illegible]-10[illegible] / 7 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
2 months 10[illegible]-10[illegible] / 8 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
3 months 10[illegible]-9[illegible] / 9 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
4 months 10[illegible]-9[illegible] / 10 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
5 months 10[illegible]-9[illegible] / 11 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
6 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 12 months 10[illegible]-9[illegible]

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)
1 month 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 6 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
3 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 12 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)
1 day 9[illegible] / 3 months 9[illegible]
7 days 9[illegible] / 6 months 9[illegible]
1 month 9[illegible] / 1 year 9[illegible]

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: open 9[illegible]-9[illegible] Close 8½
1 week 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 6 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
1 month 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 9 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
3 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible] / 12 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 9[illegible] / 6 months 9[illegible]

Finance House Base Rate 11

WALL STREET

New York, (Reuter) – Wall Street stock prices were mixed in early trading yesterday as blue chip issues staged a rally despite gloomy economic news.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up about four points to under 1190. Overall, losing issues held a slight lead over gaining issues.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES [illegible]

DOLLAR SPOT RATES [illegible]

OTHER £ RATES [illegible]

EURO-$ DEPOSITS [illegible]

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

[illegible]

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

[illegible]

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Speculation gives oil shares another bout of jitters

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Nervousness and rumour fluttered around the oil pitches yesterday, leaving share prices lower for the second successive day.

A variety of worries has beset the oil industry in recent weeks, leaving world spot prices weak and vulnerable. The latest rumour is that Norway intends to again cut its oil prices, and so further undermine spot levels.

Some market men even heard that the British National oil corporation might be forced to trim its prices putting further pressure on producers.

But analysts at Wood, Mackenzie, the stockbroking firm, reckon the latter suggestion highly unlikely and the possibility of cuts by the Norwegians as nothing to worry about.

The price of Norway's Brent crude is still about 25 cents a barrel higher than BNOC prices, despite a cut at the start of this month. Any price cut for December would simply bring Norwegian oil back in line.

A spokesman for Wood, Mackenzie said: "That means there's no pressure on BNOC to bring prices down, even if the Norwegians make such a move for next month".

Nevertheless, share prices felt the chill of market talk and there were double figure losses for **BP** and **Shell**, down 10p and 30p respectively. Even **Lasmo** slipped back 5p to 351p – the shares have been firm recently on a mixture of exploration and takeover hopes – and there were losses of a few pence for **Britoil**, **Burmah**, **Enterprise**, **Tricentrol** and **Ultramar**.

Elsewere the stock market was once again dominated by the **British Telecom** issue. Trading remained light with most City minds directed towards the BT sale. At the close the FT 30 share index was registering a 6.3 points fall to 912.8 points, a little above its worst level of the day.

The SE FT share index was also off its lowest point at 1,159.1 points, a fall of 8.3 points.

A firmer Wall Street opening helped inprove sentiment towards the close but the market remained a little bemused by the failure of any of the other high street clearing banks to at least follow the example of Barclay's Bank and lower base rates.

But American favourites had a poor session. **Imperial Chemical Industries** closed 8p down at 648p.

Government stocks opened lower but then staged a modest rally to close unchanged on the day. The market was inhibited by worries over transatlantic interest rates.

Insurance brokers were firm, helped along by the 47 per cent interim profits advance by **C E Heath** which rose 15p to 488p. **Willis Faber** finished 8p higher at 483p and **Stewart Wrightson** 16p better a 426p.

Start of dealings in Access Satellite, the controversial new issue has been brought forward from Monday to Friday. The tender share sale two and a half times oversubscrbed at 160p (150p minimum) despite worries about the company and its prospects.

S. R. Gent fell a further 4p to 154p on its profit warning and **Polly Peck**, ahead of figures lost 7p to 237p.

Beer shares were subdued. Today, **Whitbread** becomes the first national to report in the present beer profits season when it announces interim results. The market is expecting a figure of about £58 million compared with £50 million in the same period last year.

Bass, due to report full year figures soon, was 2p stronger at 430p. Guesses of he Bass figures range up to £235 million.

Stores were firm. **Woolworth's** continued to move into new high ground with a 7p advance to 570p.

Unilever looks to have finished the sell-off its transport interests. The last to go is The Norfolk Line, a trailer and ferry business. The prospective buyer is The Maersk Company, part of the Danish A P Moller group. In the past year, Unilever disposed, of several transport businesses, including Unispeed and SPD. Unilever shares were unmoved yesterday, 5p lower at 1035p.

Stylo, where British Land bids hopes still linger, rose 2p to 153p and **Our Price Records** jumped 8p to 316p following cheerful annual meeting comments. **Home Charm Group** rose 10p to 330p as the company displayed its new Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, in Herts, superstore to City analysts and others.

Currys Group fell 20p to 364p on its "take-away" bid defence. Bidders' **Dixons' Group** was unchanged at 379p.

Cullen's Stores rose 10p to 435p on hopes that former Asda executive, Mr John Fletcher, will attempt to counter the £6.6 million offer from former Imperial Group executives.

Newcomer **Wardle Storeys**, offered at 132p, made a bright debut. It touched 164p before settling at 157p.

Photo-Me International continued to make rapid headway on a tip sheet mention, gaining a further 30p to 985p. It jumped 110p on Monday.

Shares of **International Signal and Control Group** eased 2p to 280p as 59-year-old American Mr Richard Holmberg asked to be given early retirement from the board which he joined just 11 months ago.

He wants to start a small hi-tech business pitching for American defence contracts and fears a conflict of interests. Mr John Hartley, a director in London, says: "There's no split, we're still very good friends."

Mr Holmberg said from the US that he hopes to keep most of his 1.4 million shares, the third largest holding by a board member.

Marlborough Property Holdings was unchanged at 55p despite half year profits of £314,000 against a £199,000 loss. Interim dividend is a same-again 0.2p a share.

Ryan Hotels, the Irish group, held at 20p. Interests associated with the Ashdown family have increased their shareholding to 10.8 per cent. There were suggestions yesterday that Mr Nazmu Virani, a leading Ryan Hotels shareholder had sold some of his holding.

Bid hopes continued to spur **TI Group**, the former Tube Investments. The shares rose 4p to 238p on renewed suggestions that the Rockwell Group, the big US operation, is keen to bid. There has in the past week been deep interest in TI shares with some big buyers around.

Metal Box fell 12p to 340p on disappointment with its figures and **MK Electric**, results today lost 7p to 3180p. **HAT Group** was also weak on its results, down 8p to 111p.

The **P & O** shipping group was again an active counter. At one time up 3p to 309p it closed 1p lower at 305p. **Lucas Industries** finished just 2p off at 266p after, at one time, sinking to 263p.

Fading bid hopes trimmed **United Scientific** 5p to 220p and

Diploma lost 10p to 440p despite a good profits performance and a share split. Fully listed **Elson and Robbins** jumped 10p to 78p following a bid from USM-traded Hartons. The bidder expects to achieve a full listing next year.

Plastic Constructions, the Birmingham-based equipment maker for the chemical and engineering industries, rose 6p to a new high for the year of 59p. Market men are hoping for more action in the shares following the declaration by Amari of a 10.3 percent holding in PC.

Plessey, where dealers reckon large chunks of stock are being offloaded, fell another 4p to 202p. After the group's recent poor profit figures, the share price looks ever more likely to slip back below the magic 200p level.

Trusthouse Forte, the hotel group, rose 1p to 134p yesterday. L Messel, the broker, expects 1983/84 profits to hit £110 million (£82 milliom). It expects 15 per cent growth in the present year and says the shares are worth buying.

Yorkshire Chemicals showed some spark, jumping 5p to 62p, on the back of speculative buying.

Ibstock Johnson, weak on Monday on suggestions of a Monopolies Commission probe into the brick industry, was back in demand yesterday as speculators took the view that it was too good a takeover possibility to be ignored for long. The shares put on 8p to 253p.

Bank shares showed signs of settling down after two days of deteriorating prices stemming from rumours of bad debts and, unlikely in the BT shadow, a rights issue from Barclays Bank.

Barclays edged ahead a few coppers; so did **Lloyds**, the suggested bad debt casualty, and **Midland**. **National Westminster** shaded a few pennies.

Hambros Bank gained 8p to 148p as the market heard the group has sold off loss-making US oil and gas interests.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **B.E.T. OMNIBUS SERVICES:** Results for six months to September 30. Interim 1p (same). (Figures in £000) Income 3 (3). Pretax profit 905 (loss 98) after administrative expenses 25 (25), but including interest 927 (debit 76). Tax 407 (9). Extraordinary debit nil (10). Earnings per share 2.53p (loss 0.83p). During the year to March 31, 1984, the company sold all its subsidiaries.

● **DIPLOMA:** Final 7.5p, making 10p (6p equiv) for 12 months to September 30. The company proposes to split the 10p ordinary shares into units of 5p. (Figures in £m) Turnover 89.2 (76.6). Pretax profit 16.3 (11.8) being electronic components distribution 12 (6.8), manufacturing and other distribution 4.4 (4.7) and net interest debit 0.1 (credit 0.3). Tax 7.6 (5.5). Minorities 0.7 (0.3). Extraordinary credit 1.4 (0.1). Earnings per share 30.5p (22.8) or 18.2p annualized). Shares 438 down 12.

● **A F BULGIN:** Results for half year to July 31. interim 58p equivalent to 16.57 per cent gross (same). (Figures in £000). Turnover 4,250 (3,231). Pretax profit 208 (381) after exceptional cost-creation of new power conversion division 62 (nil). Tav 97 (198). Earnings per share 0.4p (0.65). Shares unchanged at 26.

● **CHAPMAN INDUSTRIES:** Results for 26 weeks to September 29. Interim 2.3p (2.2p) Figures in £000. Turnover 8,688 (7,383). Trading profit 373 (358). Interest (net) 94 (47). Pretax profit 279 (311). Tax 54 (110); extraordinary debit 97 (nil). Earnings per share 8p (7.1p). Shares unchanged at 221.

● **MARLBOROUGH PROPERTY HOLDINGS:** Results for six months to June 30. Interim 0.2p (same). The board intends at least to maintain the dividend for the full year at the level paid last year. (Figures in £000) Turnover 2,896 (368). Net rental income 379 (188). Gross profit on sales of trading properties 611 (34). Pretax profit 314 (loss 199) after interest 517 (271) and administration expenses 159 (150). Tax 37 (34). Profit on sale of investment properties 33 (653). Earnings per share 1.29p (loss 1.08p). Shares unchanged at 55.

● **STOCKLAKE HOLDINGS:** Fin Div 9p (9p) making 12p (same) for year to March 31. Figs in £000. Turnover 24,540 (26,713). Pretax profit 3,545 (4,246).

TEMPUS

Reshuffle and research hold key to Metal Box prospects

Metal Box can be judged quite easily in terms of its market strategy. Clerarly the group is pushing hard to get into the US, with its bigger, bouncier market, via merger or acquisition. It is working hard to improve returns in Britain a mature trading area where Metal Box has a fairly substantial market share, by making the output element more capital intensive. Finally, the group is pulling out of the the old Imperial trading areas like Africa.

The group's interim figures demonstrate the risks. and rewards of this approach. Problems in Nigeria underline the wisdom of the long term strategy. Shortages of orders, and licences, plus other problems, have conspired to generate a near-£8 million downturn into the red. South Africa's difficulties point up the virtue of last year's well-timed £40 million capital reconstruction.

Metal Box paints a relatively gloomy picture of British demand in the second half. Yet the two-thirds jump in packaging profits to £21 million stems from higher capital spending and plant rationalization. The quality of British earnings is clearly rising.

The group can afford to finance the changes in its cost/output ratios. A £7 million charge below the line reflects redundancies and plant closures, but interest costs have remained unchanged, compared with last year's pro forma statement, at £11.2 million. Cash flow is still positive, and gearing low.

The shares are selling on a target p/e and yield of 5 and 7 per cent respectively, and look a cheap medium term buy. The market is ignoring the improving quality of earnings, and also disregarding the high R & D spending, which, just conceivably, produce a world-beating new product.

C. E. Heath

C. E. Heath, whose interests range from insurance broking to reinsurance and underwriting, turned in impressive half-year figures yesterday. But although pretax profits to September 30 surged 47.2 per cent from £9.3m to £13.7m this year, the results contain some longer term uncertainties.

The group's insurance broking income moved ahead almost 14 per cent from last year's interim stage, to £16m this time. The main advances came in its British and Australian broking operations. But the result was enhanced by currency gains, although the company will not say by how much. Profits from broking improved from £4.9m to £6.2m.

On the face of it, the underwriting result was even more encouraging, with a leap in profits of 83 per cent from 3.9m to just over £7m. But although this was the most profitable area of business its quality is also the most questionable over the long term.

The result owes much to the success of the group's Australian operations, particularly its large exposure to workers' compensation business in the state of Victoria. But most analysts believe that the state will deprive C. E. Heath of these profits by taking over workers' compensation arrangements in the next two years.

The exact impact this would have on the group's figures is uncertain since the information provided by C. E. Heath yesterday was skimpy. Nevertheless, it is clear that the loss of this business would be a serious blow if the company does not diversify its underwriting business rapidly.

For the time being, however, C. E. Heath's earnings per share rose by more than 50 per cent to 26.6p, although the interim dividend was limited to a modest increase from 5.25p to 6p, leaving a p/e of 8.

Young's Brewery

The corporate master plan at Young's Brewery is switching emphasis from the production side, now that refurbishment of the Wandsworth Brewery has been completed, to marketing. New beers, including a Premium lager, are planned, and the group is busy building up the retail pub chain – the 20 per cent improvement in the dividend could be a forctaste of better things to come.

The market, however, was unimpressed with Young's figures, and the shares dropped 5p to 140p. Sales have risen by about 10 per cent, and margins have slipped, reflecting tiny volume growth, relative to the industry leaders.

If the regional brewers are to do well, Young ought to produce sparkling figures, operating, as it does, in the better off London area, and catering for fashion-conscious young drinkers with high disposable incomes. But competition apparently has been very fierce.

(ECONOMIC COMMENTARY)

Public spending outstrips promises

By David Smith

Lawson's claims on control of expenditure sit uneasily with the facts

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, presenting his autumn statement to the Commons last week, said that Government remained committed to "keeping firm control over government spending".

He also said: "After allowing for inflation, public expenditure next year is planned to be broadly the same as was planned for this year, and below the likely outturn for this year, which has been inflated by the cost of maintaining electricity supplies during the coal strike."

It would be nice if the plans came true, but Mr Lawson's comments about the Government's commitment to spending control and the prospects for next year sit uneasily with the facts.

Public expenditure in the present financial year, 1984-85, is expected to be nearly £128 billion, according to the autumn statement. The statement did not provide an estimate of what this means in real terms, but the calculation is simple.

Adjusting the new estimate of public spending in the current year for inflation (measured by the gdp deflator) gives a figure of £122.3 billion in 1983-84 prices.

Discounting inflation, this would represent the highest level of public spending so far. There is nothing surprising in this. The spending in 1982-83 and 1983-84 also represented, at the time, record real-term figures.

The public expenditure comparisons contained in the table go back to 1963-64 whenever Reginald Maudling was Chancellor. Long-term series for public expenditure are full of problems, mainly because of definitional changes, but these are unlikely to affect general conclusions.

Public expenditure in real terms in the present year will be nearly double that of 1963-64 and it has outstripped the rise in gdp.

The Wilson Governments of 1964-70 increased spending by 32.8 per cent, or 4.8 per cent a year. The Heath Government of 1970-74 boosted spending by 22.2 per cent, or a 5.1 per cent annual average rise in real terms.

Since then, the growth of public expenditure has slowed. Thanks to the intervention of the International Monetary Fund, spending under the Wilson/Callaghan Government of 1974-79 rose by only 6.6 per cent, for a 1.3 per cent annual average.

Under the present Government, comparing the expected outturn for 1984/85 with the final full year of the last Labour Government, 1978/79, expenditure has risen by 11 per cent in real terms, or an average of 1.7 per cent a year. In other words, the rate of public spending growth has accelerated slightly.

Two objections will be made to this comparison. The first is that the Government, like those in most other Western industrialised countries, has been faced with a sharp rise in unemployment, which has automatically boosted spending.

The second is that 1984/85 is a bad year to choose because of the miners' strike.

In the Commons on July 23, the Treasury said that public expenditure cost of each unemployed person was £1,950. The total cost to the Exchequer, including lost taxes and national insurance contributions, is much higher.

Multiplying the 1.753 million rise in unemployment since May 1979 by the expenditure cost per person of £1,950, gives total expenditure cost of £3.42 billion. Thus, if there had been no rise in unemployment, the public spending total for 1984-85 would have been reduced to £125.6 billion from £128 billion.

However, converting this to real, 1983-84 prices gives a 1984-85 spending figure of £119.9 billion which is still 8 per cent higher than the total the Conservatives inherited.

On the costs in the present year of the miners' strike, which Mr Lawson referred to in his autumn statement, it is worth looking at the detailed public expenditure effects provided by Professor Patrick Minford, of Liverpool University, last week.

Professor Minford estimated that the first 34 weeks of the coal strike cost the Government £1.2 billion – around £200 billion in lost tax receipts plus £1 billion in higher public spending.

By no stretch of the imagination could the strike be blamed for the whole of the current year's over spending, as Mr Lawson appeared to be suggesting last week. This is particularly so when the Government started with a £2.75 billion reserve for such unforeseen circumstances as the coal strike.

In any case, the £2billion real rise in public spending now expected this year is not out of line with the average annual real rise recorded since 1979.

There is another point to be considered when assessing the Government's public spending record. Of all the curiosities involved in calculating public expenditure totals, the treatment of sales of state assets as a negative item of spending is the most questionable.

In the current year, the Government expects to achieve a total of £1.9 billion in special sales of parts of state-owned industry, plus about £1.7billion from the sale of council houses and land.

This £3.6 billion could legitimately be treated as revenue and added back to the £128 billion spending total for 1984/85, giving £131.6 billion or, converting to 1983/84 prices, £125.9 billion.

Amending the figures in this way shows a 14 per cent real rise in spending since 1978/79.

Whichever way one looks at it, public expenditure is still rising.

The chart suggests that it moves broadly in line with growth and inflatin for the economy as a whole. Since public spending is major component of gdp, this is hardly surprising.

Also, and more importantly, there has been no major reassessment of the scope of what government should be spending during the 20-year period covered.

Labour and Conservative government may have different philosophical attitudes but this is only significant at the margin, for instance in the recent Star Chamber and Cabinet battles over next year's spending.

At the time of the last Budget, the Treasury published a Green Paper on long term public expenditure and taxation trends. It identified reasons for continued upward pressure on spending and taxation over the next 10 years, but failed to suggest reform to alleviate that pressure.

The Treasury's rather limp conclusion was that Parliament must decide how much public spending can be afforded, then stick to those targets.

Radical reform of public spending is possible but unlikely. Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, has four committees examining various aspects of social security. Even if sweeping changes are proposed by the committees, it is difficult to see them being acted on. Social security reform may go the way of rates reform.

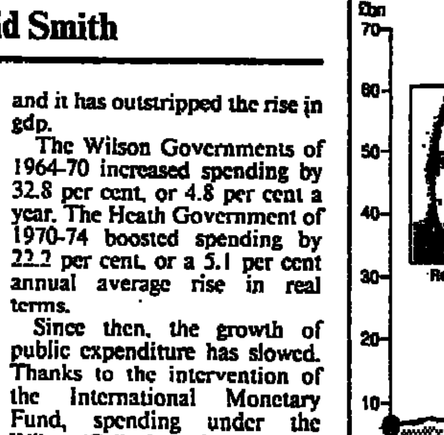
The ratio of public spending to tends to rise during recession and fall during periods of reasonably healthy economic growth.

The Government has reduced this ratio in the past couple of years by restricting the increase in spending, while encouraging growth through lower interest rates and lower exchange rate.

If the growth keeps on coming, then the relative size of the public sector should continue to fall.

But it would be optimistic to expect a sudden transformation to success in controlling public spending.

THE UNCHANGING PATTERN OF PUBLIC SPENDING
Source: DATASTREAM



PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, 1963-86
Public spending planning totals

	Cash (£ billion)	Constant 1983-84 prices (£ billion)	Proportion of gdp (%)
1963-64	9.9	63.7	34.0
1969-70	17.0	84.6	37.5
1973-74	28.6	103.4	39.9
1978-79	65.3	110.2	40.4
1979-80	76.9	111.7	40.5
1980-81	92.7	113.5	42.5
1981-82	104.7	116.5	44.0
1982-83	113.4	118.4	43.5
1983-84	120.3	120.3	43.0
1984-85	128.0	122.3	42.5
1985-86	132.0	120.6	41.0

Source: Economic Trends, November 1983, Public expenditure white papers, February 1984, Autumn Statement, November 1984.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **HARDANGER PROPERTIES** reports pretax profits 33 per cent higher for year ended September 30 at £2.30m. Turnover rose from £6.65m to £7.45m. Total dividend 9.8p (same). The board has continued its policy of developing prime retail locations for sale to institutions.

In his statement, the chairman, Mr Derek Coombs, points out: "The prospects for the current year are very encouraging indeed and consequently the directors view the future very optimistically."

● **ACCESS SATELLITE:** Applications received at or above the striking price of 160p represented more than two and a half times the number of shares on offer. Preferential applications from employees have been allocated in full.

● **SWINDON PRIVATE HOSPITAL,** launched on the Unlisted Securities Market in December, 1982, announces a loss, after tax, of £141,000 for the year ended July 31 – a period dominated by the completion of construction and commissioning of Ridgeway Hospital. It is pointed out to shareholders by the chairman, Mr J. G. Joffe, in his annual statement accompanying the report and accounts – the company's first since trading commenced – that: "Because trading started in mid-June, the results for the year only contain the income for approximately six weeks, while the costs for the whole year, including the commissioning items, have been charged against such income." So the final loss for the year was £141,000.

● **FORSHAWS BURTONWOOD BREWERY:** Half-year to Sept 29. Int. div 2.5p (same). Figs. in £000. Turnover 12,831 (10,782). Pretax profit 1,229).

● **CASTLE (GB):** In his annual statement the chairman Mr Bruce Troughton, states: "I am confident that the group will continue to prosper and I look forward to further growth. We still have only a small share of the overall kitchen market. Bathrooms are still in their infancy and the potential of Olmar, the division formed in early May to increase market penetration within the kitchen built-in appliance and accessory market, is considerable".

● **AMAL FINANCIAL INVS:** Half-year to Sept 30. No div. (nil). (Figs in £000). Turnover 76 (44). Pretax profit 59 (13).

● **PROVIDENT FINANCIAL GROUP** has completed the acquisition of the business and of certain of the assets of Williamsons, The Estate Agents, which is based in Lancashire, with branches at Chorley, Adlington, Leyland and Preston. The maximum consideration payable is £116,710.

Base Lending Rates

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Adam & Company	10%
Barclays	9¾%
BCCI	10%
Citibank Savings†	11½%
Consolidated Crds	10½%
Continental Trust	10%
C. Hoare & Co*	10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams & Glyn's	10%
Citibank NA	10%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¾%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 7¼% £50,000 and over, 8¼%.

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Extended sentence certificate on reduction of term

Regina v Bourton

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment delivered November 20]

The Court of Appeal substituted an extended sentence of six years' imprisonment for an eight-year prison sentence passed on a man to whom the sentencing judge said: "You appear, through no fault of your own perhaps, to be incapable of standing on your own feet".

Michael John Bourton, aged 34, appealed successfully against sentence at Stafford Crown Court (Judge Rigby) on conviction of robbery from a guard on a train and unlawful wounding of him with a knife. The sentence for unlawful wounding was two years concurrent with the eight years for robbery.

Mr John Wait, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

MR JUSTICE OTTON, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant, who had 12 convictions for dishonesty, violence, blackmail and criminal damage, had been made the subject of a hospital order on three occasions and had served prison sentences. In 1981 he was sent to prison for five years for robbery and blackmail and the present offences were committed within weeks of his release.

The experienced judge, when passing sentence had said that he knew that any sentence he passed would be wrong, and it was one of those very unhappy cases where his duty was to protect the public.

Their Lordships had every sympathy with the judge. The victim was a vulnerable victim. He and the public at large needed protection from such violence.

An eight years' sentence undoubtedly achieved that end. However, when the appellant was released he would again be on his own and, their Lordships suspected, still unable to stand on his feet.

Eight years was somewhat too long, and their Lordships considered that the present was a proper case for an extended sentence pursuant to section 28(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973.

As the court had said in *R v Houldsworth* (unreported, January 17, 1972): "An extended sentence had a dual purpose. It is designed to protect the public in two different ways: one, where necessary, by keeping a man in prison for a longer period than would otherwise be required; the other by providing for compulsory after care where this is desirable for a longer period than would otherwise be the case."

By section 28(3) five conditions had to be fulfilled. It was clear from the appellant's record, as Mr Wait conceded, that all the conditions were fulfilled.

The case had been adjourned to enable a notice to be served on the appellant in accordance with section 29(3). That had now been done.

The appeal would be allowed by quashing the eight-year prison sentence and substituting a term of six years' imprisonment and issuing an "extended sentence certificate" under section 28(4). The two-year prison sentence was to be served unaltered and concurrently.

Misuse of adoption procedure

In re H (Minors)

Before Sir John Arnold, President, and Mrs Justice Booth

[Judgment delivered November 6]

It was a misuse of the adoption procedure if the object of the adoption application was to overide an area of administration granted to a local authority by a statute which determined that area such as the Child Care Act 1980.

The court would only make an adoption order with conditions attached relating to access by the natural parent if there was agreement between the parties.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by foster parents from the refusal of Judge Wingate, QC, to make an adopton order in their favour relating to children placed in their care by the local authority. The children's father opposed the application.

Mr Peter Hunt for the foster parents, Mr Charles Spencer Taylor for the father, Mr Jeremy Posnansky for East Sussex County Council.

THE PRESIDENT said that the children who were the subject of the appeal were brother and sister aged 10 and nine years. Their mother had deserted her husband in 1977 and she had never been traced.

The father had endeavoured to care for the children but had found the task impossible and had placed the children in the care of the East Sussex County Council pursuant to section 1 of the Children Act 1948.

The children had been placed by the local authority with the foster parents on May 9, 1977. On March 26, 1981 the social services committee had passed a resolution assuming parental rights and duties over both children under section 3 of the Child Care Act 1980 on the ground that throughout the three previous years both children had been in the care of the local authority.

The father had never been out of touch with his children. They spent occasional weekends with him and part of the school holidays were spent with the paternal grandmother.

The boy had behavioural problems. In 1983, the local authority intimated to the foster parents that it was intended to remove the boy from their care and place him with other foster parents.

The foster parents appreciated that if the new placement was satisfactory then the sister would be removed as well. The foster parents launched the adoption application as the only way to stop the local authority from removing the children.

It had been held in *A v Liverpool City Council* ([1982] AC 363) that where Parliament had, by statute, entrusted to a local authority the power and duty to make decisions as to the welfare of children the High Court would not exercise the wardship jurisdiction so to intervene in the exercise of discretion within the field committed to the local authority by statute.

Judge Wingate had said that the same consideration applied if the object of the adoption application was to frustrate the intention of the local authority in the exercise of the discretion granted to the local authority by the Child Care Act 1980. The court upheld that view.

The father had refused his consent to the adoption but did not desire that the children be removed from the foster parents.

There was extensive evidence supporting the father's view that the children should remain with the foster parents with whom they had lived for the past seven years. The grandmother, the children's general practitioner, their headmaster and three social workers among others all subscribed to that view.

The boy who had behavioural problems had improved recently. The foster mother could now give the boy more of her time. At one time there had been eight children in the house.

The father, although he did not wish the children to be removed, was adamant that he did not want access arrangements to be at the whim of the foster parents. At one time there had been regular weekly access but access was now on a fortnightly basis. The judge had accepted that the father was not being unreasonable when he refused consent.

It had been urged upon Judge Wingate that an adoption order could be made with conditions of access attached. However, the judge had considered that to impose condition on the adopters would be contrary to section 13 of the Adoption Act 1958.

The court had been referred to two reported cases: *In re J (Adoption Order: Conditions)* ([1973] Fam 106) and *In re S (Minor) (Adoption Order: Access)* ([1976] Fam 1). In both cases there had been a compromise and an agreed schedule placed before the court.

Lord Justice Cairns had said in *In re S* at p6: "Clearly no condition should be imposed which could be regarded as detracting from the rights and duties of the adoptive parents . . . it does appear to me that the conditions which are asked to be included in the order here are such as not to affect the rights and the responsibilities of the adoptive parents in relation to the matter of access."

In the present case there was no compromise. The father was justified in taking the attitude which he did. The appeal would be dismissed.

Mrs Justice Booth agreed.

Solicitors: Perring & Co, Hastings; Butters Olien, Hastings; Mr G. C. Child, Lewes.

Late amendment to bankruptcy petition

Hastings v Geoffrey S. Beccle & Co

Before Mr Justice Warner and Mr Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment delivered November 8]

A bankruptcy petition could not be amended out of time so as to correct the date of the act of bankruptcy.

The Divisional Court in Bankruptcy in the Chancery Division so held allowing an appeal by the debtor against an order of Mr Registrar Keyes in Slough County Court. He had allowed amendments out of time to a bankruptcy petition by which different dates in respect of the act of bankruptcy were substituted for the dates appearing in the original petition.

Mr Martin Spencer for the debtor; Mr Richard Fawls for the petitioning creditor.

MR JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that a receiving order had been made against the debtor on October 17, 1983. It was based on a petition which alleged that the act of bankruptcy was the failure of the debtor before July 12, 1983 to *comply with a bankruptcy notice* served on June 29.

The bankruptcy notice had in fact been served on him on July 29 making the act of bankruptcy the failure to comply with its terms by August 11. The incorrect date of service had first appeared in an affidavit of service deposed to by the process server and it subsequently crept into the petition.

On April 13, 1984, more than eight months after the act of bankruptcy, the registrar allowed the creditors to amend their petition and substitute the correct dates.

It appeared that the registrar had reasoned as follows: only one act of bankruptcy occurred, the petition was presented within three months from the act, the error in the date of service was a simple misprint in the affidavit of service and carried into the petition, the bankrupt knew when in fact he had been served, the amendment of such a misprint in the petition was not an amendment of substance and no injustice had been done.

But section 4(1)(c) of the Bankruptcy Act 1914 provided that a creditor could only present a petition if the act of bankruptcy on which the petition was grounded had occurred within three months before the presentation of the petition.

Although the statutory power of amendment conferred by section 109(3) of the 1914 Act was exercisable at any time it was well established that in determining whether to exercise the power the court would have regard to the three-month time limit in section 4(1)(c): see *Re Maund* ([1895] 1 QB 194) and *Re a Debtor (No 31 of 1969)* ([1970] 1 All ER 920).

His Lordship said that the petition ought to tell the debtor what the act of bankruptcy was so that he might have the opportunity of contesting it in the first instance. It was not sufficient to say that the bankrupt knew when he was served, thereby implying that the bankrupt would know what act of bankruptcy was being referred to by the creditors.

The bankrupt was entitled to know from the petition what was the act of bankruptcy relied on by the creditors, and the date of its commission was an important part of its description.

A misdescription of the date for service of the bankruptcy notice and the date for completion of the act of bankruptcy was not a mere defect in form but one of subtance. From the viewpoint of the debtor it introduced a new act of bankruptcy relied on by the creditors and could not be allowed outside the three-month period.

Mr Justice Warner agreed.

Solicitors: Piper Smith & Basham; Geoffrey S. Beccle & Co.

Two tax assessments on same deal

Bye (Inspector of Taxes) v Coren and Another

Before Mr Justice Scott

[Judgment delivered November 7]

An assessment to capital gains tax made on taxpayers and which had become final against them did not prevent the Inland Revenue from making assessments to income tax on those taxpayers in respect of the same transactions.

Mr Justice Scott so held in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from determinations made by the general commissioners for Highbury in favour of the taxpayers, Mr and Mrs Gershon Coren.

Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown; Mr C. W. Koenigsberger for the taxpayers.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that the commissioners had allowed appeals by the taxpayers against three alternative assessments to Schedule D income tax made on them for the years 1978-79 and 1979-80 holding that as the taxpayers had been assessed to, and had paid, capital gains tax in respect of their dealings in metals for those years, the Revenue were precluded from proceeding with the income tax appeals.

The question was whether the taxpayers, by appealing the income tax assessments on the one hand and allowing to become final the capital gains tax assessment on the other, had thereby precluded the Revenue from establishing the trading character of their transactions and from maintaining the income tax assessments accordingly.

The case was not one of taxpayers seeking to escape double taxation: it was distinguishable from *Barnes v Hely-Hutchinson* ([1940] AC 81).

The income tax assessments were alternatives to the capital gains tax assessment. There was no rule that the same sums could not be subject to two separate taxes.

In the event of the income tax assessments being upheld then under the provisions of section 32 of the Taxes Management Act 1970, the taxpayers could reclaim the whole amount of the capital gains tax that had been paid by them.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Inland Revenue; Israel J. Arnold & Strange.

Prisoner must ask for representation

Regina v Board of Visitors of Swansea Prison, Ex parte McGrath

Apart from exceptional and unusual cases the board of visitors was under no duty to consider exercising its discretion to grant legal representation to a prisoner unless the prisoner so requested, Mr Justice Forbes held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 9 rejecting an application for certiorari.

MR JUSTICE FORBES said that section 47(2) of the Prison Act 1952 and rule 49(2) of the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 388) did not impose a duty on the board to ask if the prisoner required legal representation.

A board of visitors had a discretion to grant legal representation at the request of a prisoner: see *R v Home Secretary, Ex parte Tarrant* ([1984] 2 WLR 613), but save in exceptional circumstances boards were under no duty to consider whether without such a request legal representation should be granted: *R v Board of Visitors of Blundestone Prison, Ex parte Norley* (July 4, 1984 QB, unreported).

Landlord loses possession order appeal

Pocock v Steel

For the purpose of Case 11 of Part II of Schedule 15 to the Rent Act 1977, the person claiming to be the "owner-occupier" had to have "occupied . . . as his residence" the dwelling house of which he sought possession immediately before he "let it on a regulated tenancy" and it was not sufficient if he had occupied it at some time, however long before the commencement of the letting, because the words "occupied" and "let" in Case 11 referred to substantially the same period.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce, Lord Justice Dillon and Sir Denys Buckley) so held on November 16, dismissing the landlord's appeal from Judge Galpin at Portsmouth County Court who on May 31, 1984, allowed the tenant's appeal from the registrar, who had made an order for possession of the landlord's dwelling house on the assumption that the requirements of Case 11 were satisfied if the owner-occupier had last occupied the premises some 15 years before the commencement of the current, regulated tenancy.

Statute prevents escape of liability

Clarkson v William Jackson & Sons Ltd

The Court of Appeal, dismissing an appeal in a personal injuries action from a judgment of Judge Bennett, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, held on November 14 that the Employers Liability (Defective Equipment) Act 1969 did not give employees a new cause of action.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR, sitting with Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Slade, said that the scheme of the Act was to prevent an employer escaping liability when the fault in the equipment was the fault of the supplier or manufacturer and not of the employer.

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FOOTBALL: CLEMENCE, PERRYMAN, CHANNON AND HARTFORD PUT CASE FOR THE OVER-THIRTIES IN MILK CUP TONIGHT

No hard feelings but tough tie in prospect Shreeves says

Sunderland are trying to defuse their potentially violent Milk Cup fourth round tie against Tottenham Hotspur at Roker Park tonight.

Tottenham had Clive Allen and Graham Roberts sent off in a 1-0 league defeat there in September, but Len Ashurst, the Sunderland manager is anxious to play down any thoughts about tonight's tie being a grudge match.

"It was just one of those games, and it was unfortunate that it was Spurs who suffered in having two players sent off. I don't think there will be any continuation of what happened that night," Ashurst said.

Sunderland will be without Shaun Elliott, their captain. The England 'B' international is starting a three-match suspension, and is only one caution away from another ban after collecting his Seventh booking on the season, at West Ham on Saturday.

"He has been our most consistent player and we will miss his pace," Ashurst said.

Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham manager, said: "What happened in September is all in the past as far as we are concerned. We've had about 15 games since then, travelled all over Europe and just haven't thought about it since it happened, but we still expect a tough game."

Tony Galvin, Tottenham's Republic of Ireland winger, misses the tie but could be fit to face Chelsea on Saturday. Ian Crook is added to the squad, though Shreeves is expected to rely on the team which won at Ipswich last weekend.

Notts County will be without Steve Sims, the central defender, at Norwich. He has a groin injury and his place goes to David Hunt. Justin Fashanu looks likely to be recalled to the County attack against his former club.

Fashanu, who is on the transfer list, said: "I am determined to give my all for County until I leave."

Gary Rowell's run of bad luck continued yesterday when the Norwich forward, a free transfer from Sunderland, suffered a recurrence of the knee ligament damage that has troubled him all season. He aggravated the injury in a reserve game at Chelsea and so Norwich will field an unchanged side against County.

Manchester City yesterday completed the signing of Graeme Sinclair on a month's loan from Celtic. Billy McNeill, the City manager, rushed through the transfer to enable the Scot to play in the Milk Cup tie at Chelsea on today.

City's haste was because Mick McCarthy, their regular central defender is serving a three-match suspension. McNeill said: "It is almost certain that Sinclair will be in the team at Chelsea.

"I would like to think he can make the move permanent. He is very adaptable and we can use him in a number of positions". McNeill first bought Sinclair for £65,000 from Dumbarton when he was manager of Celtic. Sinclair will probably come in at right back for Geoff Lomax, with Andy May retaining the central defensive position.

Mickey Thomas, reported to have walked out on Chelsea at the weekend, could return to the team against City. Thomas played in the reserves yesterday and scored. He is included in the squad, though Joe McLaughlin is the side's only doubt for what looks a tough game.

"Even though they are in the second division, City are still very much a first division outfit, as they proved against West Ham in the last round," Ian McNeill, Chelsea's assistant manager, said.









They seem to go on forever: Jennings (left), Lorimer (top), Bonds (bottom) and Channon (right)

Plenty of life in the old dogs yet

To paraphrase a famous politician, the over-thirties in football have never had it so good. Youth used to be all the rage, but today's youngsters are having to take second billing to players who at one time would have been regarded as "over the hill". These players are not so much over the hill but on top of it.

The value of experience is being seen in all divisions of the Canon League, particularly the first, where an increasing number of players are proving that life gets better after 30. Jennings, aged 39, is perhaps the most remarkable example. When Arsenal signed him from Tottenham Hotspur for £40,000 in the summer of 1977, few thought that he would last more than three years at Highbury. He has not only far exceeded expectations but is still first choice goalkeeper for Arsenal and Northern Ireland and hoping to represent his country in the next World Cup finals.

The aging process seems to affect goalkeepers less quickly than others. Shilton, aged 35, has had more to do with Southampton's steady climb up the table than anybody and his place in the England team is not threatened. Clemence's future at Tottenham was in jeopardy when he was displaced by Parks at the end of last season. Now, at 36, he is Tottenham's No 1 again and playing as well as ever. So is his club colleague, Perryman, who at 32 is showing a new maturity.

Trusty Hammer

Fitness and enthusiasm are the key to prolonging your football career and Bonds, aged 38, has an abundance of both. At the end of last season, Bonds told West Ham United's manager, John Lyall, that he did not want to be considered for first team duty again, except in an emergency. Lyall soon found that he could not do without him and West Ham's results have improved markedly since the old warrior's return.

Channon (35) and Hartford (34) are showing the youngsters a thing or two – or three or four – at Norwich City. The same can be said for Mills, aged 35, of Southampton, who, like the fine professional he is, has shaken off the disappointment of being excluded from Bobby Robson's plans and is continuing to do a sound defensive job. Withe is doing well enough for Aston Villa to be called upon by England at 33 and Dalglish, of the same age, is indispensable to Liverpool and Scotland.

Arsenal's improvement in the second half of last season was mostly due to the outstanding form of Mariner and Talbot, both 31. Lorimer, who made his first team debut at 15, is still playing regularly for Leeds United at 37, a year older than their goalkeeper, Harvey. In the light of all this evidence perhaps footballers will begin to approach their thirties with a good deal more optimism.

Vince Wright

Bayern capitalize on Rummenigge sale

Munich, (Reuter) – Bayern Munich have discarded their illustrious image in making the discovery that great football sides can be created without great names.

Bayern severed their last link with big-name players when they sold their last genuine world-class "star", Karl-Heinz Rummenigge to Internazionale Milan in the summer.

Rummenigge's transfer followed last year's retirement of the club's midfield inspiration. Paul Breitner and led to dire forecasts, not least within the Bayern camp, of a transitional period in which the Munich club would have to settle for an middle-of-the-table role.

Instead, Bayern began the season with six successive victories, a Bundesliga record and swiftly established a five-point lead after nine games, another all-time first. Despite some evidence of stumbling with three draws and their worst defeat of the season, by 3-0 at Leverkusen in their last fur matches. Bayern remain two points clear with a game in hand. They are still clear favourites to take the West German championship for the first time in four years.

Bayern boast average gates of over 40,000, a more than healthy cash surplus from Rummenigge's 10m mark (£2.5m) transfer to Italy, and a place in the last eight of the European Cup Winners Cup.

As Bayern's league lead grew, their trainer. Udo Lattek, warned against compacency by reminding the team: "We are not as good as all that. . .and the others are not that bad either.".

Speaking from his office at the club's training ground. Lattek confessed he was as surprised as anyone at the team's good run.

"We've been pretty lucky and the other clubs have been unlucky. Besides most of our rivals have had a lot of injuries and new players to fit in," he explained.

Yet, Bayern have also been badly hit by injuries with their Danish midfield player, Soeren Lerby, Belgian goalkeeper, Jean-Marie Pfaff, and five other first-team players sidelined for long periods while five new signings have had to adjust to their new surroundings.

The 49-year-old trainer helped mould Bayern's greatest ever side when Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Mueller and Sepp Maier came together to win three European Cups in a row from 1974-76.

Lattek left in 1974 to join Borussia Mönchengladbach, moving on later to Borussia Dortmund and Barcelona before returning to a jaded but still ambitious Bayern last year. His present team can in no way compare with the Beckenbauer side, he said. "We had personalities who could decide matches on their own. We could win games without going all out."

Yet, Lattek believes Bayern may have gained something more than a cash bonanza from Rummenigge's transfer. "Rummenigge is a great player, a match-winner, but since he has gone the team has had to find a new system of playing. Before, I often noticed a hesitation as players looked for Rummenigge to give him the ball.

"Now there is variety as more players take responsibility. We have been lucky that Matthaeus has fitted in without problems and Lerby has developed so well this season. The side has an amazing team spirit. The problem I have now is that they are subconsciously playing not to lose so as to defend their league lead rather than to win."

Bayern clearly spent wisely in the close season, snapping up five new players for less than half the fee they received for Rummenigge. Mathaeus, bought from Moenchengladbach for around 2.5m Mark (£625,000), a record fee between West German clubs, has brought a new impetus to the Bayern midfield. The only other big purchase, the young forward, Roland Wohlfarth, who cost half that from the second division club Duisburg, was bought mainly for cover but has established himself with 11 goals.

Lattek said it was too early to talk of the title, adding he was still worried by Hamburg, Werder Bremen and Borussia Mönchengladbach. Yet those teams are far more worried about Bayern, especially of their strength in depth.

That Lattek can often afford to leave internationals such as Pfaff, Michael Rummenigge, Dieter Hoeness, Calle Del'Haye and Bernd Martin on the substitutes' bench says much for the new, functional team.

French players killed

Preparations for France's World Cup qualifying match against Bulgaria in Paris tonight have been overshadowed by the deaths in a road accident on Sunday of Seth Adonkor and Jean-Marie Labejof, both players with Nantes, the first division leaders.

Manchester scotched

Thousands of Manchester United supporters will be unable to see the return leg of the UEFA Cup tie against Dundee United for the match at Tannadice Park on December 12. United have only a small allocation of 1,200 tickets.

United's secretary Les Olive, said: "the allocation is insufficient and it is inevitable there will be a lot of disappointed supporters. But I urge our fans not to travel without a ticket.

● UEFA are to reopen investigations into the violence during the recent European tie between Celtic and Rapid Vienna at Celtic Park.

Cobbling together

Northampton Town will take their full squad to VS Rugby for tonight's FA Cup first round replay against the Southern League, Midland division club. They await the results of a number of late fitness tests but Cavener, the defender who damaged ligaments during Saturday's 2-2 draw is definitely out.

Bognor, who will be unchanged at home to Swansea are also confident of going through. Their manager Jack Pearce, said: "The players were disappointed they did not win in Wales and they aim to make sure this time.

Lancing making waves

Schools football by George Chesterton

Lancing are enjoying successful days. In their home match against King Edward's School, Witley, C Houghley and J Robinson each scored three goals in a 7–0 victory. Lancing have also reached the semi-finals of the Sussex Schools under-19 cup by defeating Eastbourne Sixth Form College 4–3 in a tense struggle which went into extra-time.

Ardingly, visiting **Winchester**, quickly equalized having gone one down in the first few minutes to a goal from T McLune. Winchester assumed control in midfield and McLune scored again, the last goal came near the end from I Greet, to make the final score 3–1.

Despite being 2–0 down at half-time Eton rallied against **Bradfield** but were unable to penetrate a solid defence. D Reed played an outstanding game for Bradfield, the home team and made the final score 3–0 with a drive from 20 yards.

Malvern recorded their eleventh win out of 12 schools matches in defeating Shrewsbury 2–0. E Gilbert took advantage of a bad back pass in an even first half to put Malvern ahead. Far from being dispirited, Shrewsbury fought back well with T Shepherd being a constant source of concern to the Malvern defence. Malvern had slightly the better of the second half, but had to wait until the last minute for their second goal when L Lindsay turned in a cross from Gilbert.

Kimbolton, visiting **Brentwood** were 4–1 up shortly after half-time but Brentwood came back well. They had the better of the second half but could only score twice, going down 4–3. A Hood scored twice for Kimbolton.

Southern Public Schools did well to draw 1–1 against an Arsenal Youth XI at Forest School. In a fast, even contest, M Yadegar, from Chigwell, scored for the Public Schools team and G. Soloman equalized with a fine individual goal.

SOUTHERN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: S Young (Hampton); W Wawn (Highgate), J Golder (Charterhouse), A Rowberry (Worcester RGS), N Gates (Millfield), T McCarthy (John Lyons), M Yadegar (Chigwell), J Robinson (Lancing), J Hill (Millfield), N Francis (Millfield), P Baverstock (Millfield).

MOTOR RALLYING

Plea to Mitterrand in Monte Carlo row

Paris (AFP) – Francois Mitterrand the French President has found himself pulled into the controversy over next year's Monte Carlo Rally.

He has been sent a letter asking him to intervene to obtain the registration of Jean-Marie Balestre as president of both FISA, motor racing's governing body, and the French Autosport Federation.

The letter, sent a couple of days ago, came from Claude Bourillot, former president of the FAF. Boueillor wants the French President to get Alain Calmat, the Sports Minister, who met Balestre here yesterday, to ask for Balestre's resignation and, in case of refusal, for all Balestre's powers to be taken away.

However, the ministers intervention in the row over the rally *failed to produce a breakthrough.* He was yesterday involved in a special conciliatory meeting, lasting nearly three hours, with the FAF and Monaco officials here.

But, afterwards, Balestre said: "I regret to say that the situation has not changed. We are in exactly the same position after everyone gave their point of view."

efforts to save the rally, and the Monaco Grand Prix, called off in a dispute over a television contract, appeared to have ended last week when Balestre said the events had been struck off because of the Monaco government's "unilateral" decision to break off negotiations.

The Monte Carlo Rally was concelled because the Monaco Automobile Club refused to pay the FAF a one million francs fee for using French roads.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Trophy draw a good one for second division clubs

By Keith Macklin

At least two second division clubs will appear in the quarter finals of this season's John Player Special Trophy. In the draw for the second round yesterday **Bramley** were paired with **Whitehaven** and **Dewsbury** with **Runcorn Highfield** but the other remaining second division club, **Rochdale Hornets**, can have little hope of progress at **Hull Kingston Rovers**.

There are two outstanding games between first division clubs. **Leeds**, the holders, entertain **Wigan** at Headingley, a match scheduled for television coverage on December 1 (2.15) and **St Helens** travel to Odsal to face **Bradford Northern**, who were the last team to beat them, but who were not then facing a Saints team containing Meninea, the formidable Australian in the centre.

Hull, who will receive **Oldham**, have a more difficult tie than their Humberside rivals, while the two other first division clashes are the revived **Halifax**, making great strides following their importation of Australians, against **Castleford** and **Widnes** at home to **Featherstone Rovers**.

SECOND ROUND DRAW: Bramley v Whitehaven; Leeds V Wigan; Dewsbury v Runcorn Highfield; Hull v Oldham; Widnes v Featherstone Rovers; Bradford Nthern v St Helens, Hull KR v Rochdale Hornets; Halifax v Castleford. Ties to be played on December 1 or 2.

Australia beckons Schofield

Garry Schofield, the young Hull centre and Great Britain international, is likely to become the first leading player from Britain to sign for an Australan, club (Keith Macklin writes).

Since the international transfer han was lifted two seasons ago the traffic has been mostly one way, with many top Australians coming to British clubs. Schofield has accepted a verbal contract to fly out to Australia at the end of the current English season to play for the Sydney club, Balmain.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

TOULOUSE: Grand Prix Tournament: First round: R Osterthun (WG) bt L Pimek (CZ) 6-3, 7-5; M Schapers (Neth) bt E Sanchez (Sp) 6-4, 7-6; M Ostoja (Yug) bt Vajda (Cz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; S Birner (Cz) bt M Bahrami (Iran), 7-5, 6-4; M Westphal (WG) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug) 6-0, 6-3; P Portes (Fr) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-4, 6-1; J Svensson (Swe) bt Taroczy (Hun) 6-4, 7-6.

PERTH: Western Australian Open tournament: Men's singles, first round: D Saltz (US) bt C Tunch (Aus) 6-1, 6-2, K Warwick (Aus) bt P Wright (US) 6-4, 6-4; L Warder (Aus) bt R Casey (Aus) 6-1, 6-3; B Propenjohn (Aus) bt D Graham (Aus) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; J Alexander (Aus) bt B Williams (Aus) 6-3, 6-1.

SYDNEY: New South Wales Women's Open, Second round (US unless stated): S Bungo (WG) bt D Balestrat (Aus), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; W Turnbull (Aus) bt McNeil, 6-1, 6-1; M Navratilova, bt M L Piatek, 6-4, 6-2; P Shriver bt S Mould (SA) 6-4, 6-0; G Fernandez by C Bassett (Can), 6-1, 6-2; C Jolissaint (Switz) by E Pfaff (WG), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; P Paradis (Fr) bt V Wade (GB), 6-0, 1-6, 6-1; S Graf (WG) by R Fairbank (SA), 0-6, 6-4, 6-4; L Antonopolis by A Bilagran (Arg), 6-4, 6-4; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) by C Karlsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-0; J Durie (GB) by A Brown (GB), 6-1, 6-2, A Minter (Aus) bt S Flotz, 6-4, 7-5; B Gerkin by B Remilton (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; A Henricksson by C Benjamin, 6-3, 6-1; M Mesker (Neth) bt L Drescher (Switz), 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; R White by C Lindqvist (Swe), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; S Walsh by C Sura (Fr), 6-1, 6-2. Doubles, first round: Turnbull/Walsh bt Wade/Antonopolis, 6-0, 6-3; Salmon/S Gomer (GB) bt White/H Pelletier (Can), 0-6, 6-2, 7-5.

WOMEN'S TENNIS ASSOCIATION RANKINGS: 1. M Navratilova (US), 2. C Lloyd (US), 3. P Shriver (US), 4. H Mandlikova (Cz); 5. K Jordan (US); 6. W Turnbull (Aus); 7. M Maleeva (Bulg); 8. C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 9. Z Garrison (US); 10. C Bassett (Can); 20. J Durie (GB).

WTA EARNINGS LIST: 1. Navratilova $2,101,066 (£1,850,000); 2. Lloyd 487,860; 3. Mandlikova 420,580. 4. Shriver 419,730; 5. Turnbull 216,270; 6. H Sukova (Cz) 196,743. 7. Maleeva 181,807; 8. Garrison 166,764. 9. Jordan 162,478. 10. Potter (US) 160,338; 15. Durie 119,720; 16. A Hobbs (GB) 106,185.

ATP RANKINGS: 1. J Mc Enroe (US). 2. I Lendl (Cz). 3. J Connors (US). 4. Wilander (Swe). 5. A Gomez (Ec). 6. A Jarryd (Swe). 7. H Sundstrom (Swe). 8. J Nystrom (Swe). 9. J Kriek (US). 10. J Arias (US).

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: 1 J McEnroe (US), 3,393pts; 2. J Connors (US), 2,908; 3. I Lendl (Cz), 2,654; 4, A Gomez (Ec), 2,222; 5. M Wilander (Swe), 1,850; 6. J Nystrom (Swe), 1,218; 8. A Jarryd (Swe), 1,165; 9. T Smid (Cz), 1,156; 10. A Krickstein (US), 961.

FOOTBALL

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Bohemians Prague 4, ZTS Petrzalka 1; TJ Vitkovice 2, Spartak Trnava 1. Inter Bratislava 0, Dukla Prague 1; Lokomotiva Kosice 1, Sigma Olomouc 3; ZVL Zilina 0, Banik Ostrava 0; Dukla Banska Bystrica 1, RH Cheb 0; Tatran Presov 3, Slovan Bratislava 0; Sparta Prague 2, Slavia Prague 0.

Leading positions: 1, Bohemians Prague 19 pts; 2, Banik Ostrava 18; 3, Sparta Prague 17.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea 4, Norwich 1.

ICE HOCKEY

UNITED STATES: National League (NHL) Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Montreal Canadiens 4, Los Angeles Kings 5, Calgary Flames 4.

SQUASH RACKETS

ZURICH: Swiss Masters Open tournament: Final: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt R Thorne (Aus) 9-0, 9-3, 9-2. Third place match: D Williams (Aus) bt S Davenport (NZ) 1-9, 9-0, 9-6, 9-3.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National Football League (NFL): OT-San Diego Chargers 34, Miami Dolphins 28; New York Giants 16, St Louis Cardinals 10; Philadelphia Eagles 16, Washington Redskins 10; Buffalo Bills 14, Dallas Cowboys 3; Denver Bronchos 42, Minnesota Vikings 21; Seattle Seahawks 26, Cincinnati Bengals 6, Los Angeles Raiders 17, Kansas City Chiefs 7; Chicago Bears 16, Detroit Lions 14; Green Bay Packers 31, Los Angeles Rams 6; San Francisco 49ers 24, Tampa Bay Bucconeers 17; Houston Oilers 31, New York Jets 20; New England Patriots 50, Indianapolis Colts 17; Cleveland Browns 23, Atlanta Falcons 7. Monday's result: New Orleans Saints 27, Pittsburgh Steelers 24.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pct
New York Giants	7	5	0	227	223	.583
Washington	7	5	0	295	224	.583
Dallas	7	5	0	213	223	.583
St Louis	6	6	0	315	263	.500
Philadelphia	5	6	1	215	234	.458

Central Division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pct
Chicago	8	4	0	240	192	.667
Green Bay	5	7	0	277	236	.417
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	224	292	.333
Detroit	3	8	1	219	288	.292
Minnesota	3	9	0	235	330	.250

Western Division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pct
S Francisco	11	1	0	335	184	.917
LA Rams	7	5	0	235	227	.583
New Orleans	6	6	0	243	265	.500
Atlanta	3	9	0	218	279	.250

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pct
Miami Dolphins	11	1	0	336	198	.917
New England	8	4	0	302	262	.667
New York Jets	6	6	0	263	258	.500
Indianapolis	4	8	0	130	321	.333
Buffalo	1	11	0	177	325	.083

Central Division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pct
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	273	236	.500
Cincinnati	4	8	0	208	256	.333
Cleveland	3	9	0	158	224	.250
Houston	2	10	0	171	336	.167

Western Division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pct
Denver	11	1	0	269	171	.917
Seattle	10	2	0	332	176	.833
LA Raiders	8	4	0	271	231	.667
San Diego	6	6	0	316	296	.500
Kansas City	5	7	0	185	255	.417

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES (National Association (NBA)): Indiana Pacers 137, Chicago Bulls 120.

SKIING: The World Cup men's downhill Alpine race, scheduled for December 16 in Val Gardena, Italy, will now take place on December 15. The men's slalom and super-giant slalom, scheduled for December 17 and 18, in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, have also been brought forward one day.

SPEEDWAY: Exeter have dropped out of the British League for next season and will compete in the National League. Ellesmere Port and Barrow have also been elected to the National League.

YACHTING

Awards for boldness and appeal

The 1983-84 Silk Cut awards for nautical achievements were presented by the Minister for Sport, Neil Macfarlane, in London yesterday (John Nicholls writes). The six categories and winners were:

Seamanship: The crew of the St Helier lifeboat, Jersey for their outstanding example in September, 1983 when they rescued the crew of a yacht grounded in one of the most dangerous areas of the Jersey coast.

Rescue: The crew of D Flight, 22 Squadron, Royal Air Force Leconfield for their outstanding example in January, 1984 in rescuing the crew of a trawler off the Scarborough coast in appalling weather.

Design: The Horizon 26 by Hunter Boats of Rochford, Essex, a well-designed boat of wide appeal at a realistic price; the Sadler 34 by Sadler Yachts of Poole, Dorset for a fascinating technique radically different and bold; Complete system clothing for offshore sailing by Musto and Hyde Accessories.

Club Service: Nicolas Robinson, of Hamble River SC, Hamble, Hampshire, for over 30 years of outstanding service to his club.

Yacht racing: RORC Class 5 – Cillonia VII, owned by a Frenchman, M Trentesaux; Sigma 33 Class Starshine, owned by W Smith; and J-24 Class – Luder, sailed by E. Warden-Owen.

Special awards: To Anthony Taylor, of Little Carlton, Lincolnshire, for the rescue of a teenage boy off Mablethorpe Beach in January, 1984; and the Lloyd Foster, secretary of the Royal Western YC, in recognition of his services to ocean racing.

IN BRIEF

Hampshire on the umpires' list

John Hampshire, the former England, Yorkshire and Derbyshire batsman, is one of three first-class players to be appointed to the umpires' list next season. He will be joined by Allan Jones, formerlyh with Sussex, Somerset, Middlesex and Glamorgan, and another Glamorgan player, Kevin Lyond, on a panel of 24.

Seven umpires have been appointed for the Test series, sponsored by Cornhill, against Australia, including David Shepherd for the first time. The full list is: H. D. Bird, D. L. Evans, B. J. Meyer, D. J. Constant, K. E. Palmer, D. R. Shepherd, A. G. T. Whitehead. All but Alan Whitehead will be involved in the Texaco Trophy series.

● The England women's party, who leave for their Australian tour



Hampshire: England batsman

on December 3, will play a one-day international under floodlights in Melbourne on January 31. The five international matches will be at Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Gosforth (NSW) and Bendigo.

ROWING: Organizers of the 1985 world championships in Belgium yesterday reported their 1,000th individual entry. Belgium, Britain, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, East and West Germany, Italy, Poland, Norway, the Soviet Union and Switzerland are among the entries.

BOXING: Eusebio Espinal, of the Dominican Republic, is confident of winning the vacant WBA junior bantamweight title in Bangkok today, he boxes Thailand's Khaosai Galaxy. Espinal has an impressive record of 20 wins in his 21 fights, 17 inside the distance. He is the No 1 contender.

SQUASH RACKETS: The world champion, Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, stretched his unbeaten run when he beat Australia's Ross Thorne to win the Swiss Masters tournament in Zurich on Monday. Jahangir, who has not lost since April 1981, overcame Thorne, 9–0, 9–3, 9–2.

JUDO: Three Yugoslav internationals have been suspended for defying their country's rigid ban on sporting links with South Africa and going there to compete under false names. Davor Vukovic, Dragan Vukovic and Vojo Vujevic provoked a scandal earlier this month, when it emerged they had gone to from an event in Switzerland to Johannesburg.

HOCKEY

RAF clear Pappin for Karachi

By Sydney Friskin

Veryan Pappin, the Royal Air Force goalkeeper, who is in the Great Britain squad for the Champion's Trophy tournament, starting at Karachi on December 7, is out of the country on duty and will not attend the final training weekend, at Bisham Abbey, from Friday to Sunday. He has, however, been cleared by the RAF for the Karachi event and is expected to return to the United Kingdom at the end of this month.

Meanwhile, two other experienced goalkeepers, Hurst and Ashcroft, have been invited for training, along with the remaining 15 members of the squad, making 17 altogether. The British team will play training matches against London Indians on Sunday morning and Wales in the afternoon.

SQUAD (England unless stated): I Taylor, J Hurst, C Ashcroft (Wales), R Cattrall (Wales), S Martin (Northern Ireland), D Craig, J Potter, D Faulkner, W McConnell (Northern Ireland), K Bhaura, R Leman, S Kerly, N Hughes, J Duthie, R Clift, J Shaw, M Lewis (Wales).

Palmer for Burnley

Geoff Palmer, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, is to join Burnley for £5,000. Palmer, aged 33, was also wanted by Notts County's manager Richie Barker but decided to move to Turf Moor after being impressed with the set up. In his 14 years at Molineux, Palmer made 390 league appearances.

● Shrewsbury's Boxing Day home match against Wolverhampton Wanderers will kick off at 11 am on police advice to reduce the risk of crowd trouble.

SNOOKER

Mountjoy completes emphatic victory

Doug Mountjoy moved into the second round of the Coral UK championship at Preston yesterday with a convincing 9-2 success over Mike Hallett of Grimsby. The 41-year-old Welshman took just over an hour to finish off Hallett after leading overnight 6-2.

Mountjoy's success, which gives him a place in the last 16 and a match with Jimmy White, ended a dismal run in the competition. Since winning the inaugural event six years ago, Mountjoy has won only two matches in the event.

Willie Thorne also moved into the second round with a hard earned 9-7 win over John Parrott of Liverpool. Leading 5-3 overnight, 30-year-old Thorne stretched his advantage to 7-3 before Parrott found his touch.

RESULTS: First round: R. Williams (Stourbridge) bt B. Werbeniuk (Can) 9-1 (Williams first): 65-30, 101-16, 84-7, 111-1, 93-0, 64-40, 80-24, 46-69, 64-49, 74-45. J. White (Wimbledon) bt J. Campbell (Aus) 9-7 (White first): 44-60, 60-31, 40-80, 68-50, 96-6, 57-62, 15-82, 1-93, 91-17, 4-77, 115-7, 87-28, 41-88, 70-38, 79-35, 81-11. W. Thorne (Leicester) bt J. Parrott (Liverpool) 9-7. Second session frames: (Thorn first) 65-63, 74-32, 13-72, 20-101, 39-95, 82-28, 82-78, 71-0. D Mountjoy (Ewyas Harold) bt M Hallett (Grimsby) 9-2. Second session frames: (Mountjoy first): 7-15, 54-43, 58-17. E. Charlton (Aus) leads S. Francisco (SA) 6-1 (Charlton first): 83-30, 91-37, 38-49, 82-56, 81-52, 103-4, 107-24. T. Meo (Morden) leads E. Hughes (Dublin) 5-2 (Meo first): 7-84, 37-75, 111-8, 52-44, 83-24, 67-29, 78-9



Mountjoy: meets White

Big break for amateurs

Amateur snooker players are hoping to make their big break into television after backing by Mecca, the bookmakers, Thames Television and Steve Davis, the world professional champion.

Davis, who competed a 9-1 win over Ireland's Tommy Murphy in the first round of the UK Open in Preston on Sunday, returned to home yesterday to help launch te Cockney Snooker Classic.

The knockout tournament, barred to all registered professionals, is expected to attract thousands of entries with matches to be decided over a single frame.

The winner will beceive £1,000 and get the chance to play Davis. Victory in a one-frame match over the 27-year old would be worth a further £1,000. Also on offer is a prize of £5,000 for the first break of 147. The series will be screened by Thames from the quarter-final stages in March with Davis acting as presenter and commentator.

RUGBY UNION: WHO BEAT THE WALLABIES? GOOD OLD SOSPAN FACH, THAT'S WHO

Pearce inspires heroic Llanelli

By Gerald Davies

Llanelli 19
Australians 16

It was an heroic performance by a Llanelli team shorn of some of their more prominent players, and suffering difficulties owing to injuries in their preparation, to beat Australia by a goal, a try and three penalties to a goal, a try and two penalties yesterday. The crowd, despite the conditions, were well into song by the end – "We beat the wallabies?" Indeed, good old *Sospan Fach*.

It was a rugged, vigorous performance in tune with the heavy conditions. The weather, crisp and sunny in the morning, turned to a steady drizzle by the afternoon. While both teams indicated early of their interest in playing some kind of handling game, the conditions determined that it would be wiser to do otherwise. Quite naturally, it was Llanelli who came to terms with a different tactical plan. The Australians, failed to do so, and they looked forlornly hopeful that their handling would get them out of trouble. Instead, in the second half it increased their problems.

A penalty separated the sides at the end but between them Gravelle and Pearce missed six. The former had missed a kickable one within two minutes before Black, from 25 metres, opened the score for the Australians. For a 10-minute period the visitors created overlaps galore and, looking as *if they suffered from the British* disease of failing to take advantage, they did eventually cross the line.

From a scrum, Hawker was missed out and Burke, with two others outside him, went over for the touchdown which Black converted. This was their most prolific period even though Burke, in the second half, should have scored but was caught from behind by Ellis when the score stood at 13-9 in the home team's favour. Pearce's penalty after a high tackle on Morgan brought the half-time score to 9-3.

With more possession after the interval, Pearce began to dominate the game with his kicking which suited the murky conditions. Their tails and spirits were up and Griffiths and Cooper, particularly the latter who had a splendid game, revelled in the close encounters. From one of his low diagonal kicks, Pearce established the position for a lineout in the corner from which Cooper, coming round the front, charged over.

Another penalty by Pearce took Llanelli into the lead. Even though Black kicked a penalty, the home side, with rampaging pack, were now driving their way home. A breakdown between Hawker and Burke enabled Pearce to hack on, Ieuan Evans continued it and in the chase for the line it was Pearce who got the touchdown. With the crowd willing it on, he converted from the touchline. A minute from time, Hanley, on the blind side of a scrum, scored the Australians' second try.



Victor and the vanquished: Pearce (left) whose try came from a slip by Hawker (right)

SCORERS: Llanelli: tries: Cooper, Pearce; conversion: Pearce; penalties: Pearce (3). Australia: tries: Burke, Hanley; conversion: Black; penalties: Black (2).

LLANELLI: M Gravelle; E Ellis, P Morgan (capt), R Gravell, I Evans; G Pearce, J Griffiths; A Buchanan, K Townley, L Delaney, A Griffiths, R Thomas, R Cornelius, J Cooper, M Lynch.

AUSTRALIA: J Black; I Williams, M Burke, K Lane, R Hanley; M Hawker (capt), P Cox; S Pilecki, M McBain, G Burrow, B Calcraft, N Holt, B Campbell, C Roche, R Reynolds.

REFEREE: F A Howard (England).

Bainbridge back for county game

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Bainbridge: first game

Steve Bainbridge, the England lock whose dismissal during a club game in the first months of the season now appears as the start of a long and increasingly controversial chain of disciplinary events, will return to representative rugby on Saturday after serving a two-month suspension. He has been picked by Northumberland for their county championship game with Kent which they must win to avoid relegation from the first division. The game will be at Gosforth, formerly Bainbridge's club before his removal to Fylde at the start of this season.

It was this move that made the player eligible for Lancashire, but his suspension caused him to miss all their second division championship matches so he is able to resume operations with Northumberland, the county he helped to the *championship in 1981*.

It will be his first game of any kind since his suspension ended last Saturday evening, and the only one he will be able to fit in before playing for the Northern Divison against the Australians at Waterloo next Wednesday. Fylde, who are to play Wakefield at the weekend, lose *not only Bainbridge but two more* forwards to Lancashire and two to Cumbria.

Middlesex, who entertain Yorkshire at Sudbury in one of the semi-finals, will be without Cardus, the Wasps centre, who has tonsilitis. His place is taken by Williams, his club colleague, which is the only change *from the side who beat* Surrey.

Oxford and Cambridge Universities play their annual matches against Major Stanley's IV and Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV respectively this afternoon. Both the guest sides have undergone some adjustment. Dodge, the Leicester centre, *and Cuthbertson*, the Harlequins' lock, have withdrawn from the game at Grange Road with Hamstring and neck injuries respectively, and their places in Steele-Bodger's side go to Gordon (London Scottish) and Wilkinson (Bedford).

Cambridge remain without their *captain, Bailey, and senior forward*, Ellison, but otherwise parade their strong hand of backs of whom Hastings, the Watsonian's full back, has made a considerable impression this term. Oxford have all four of their available Blues in the team to play Stanley's XV but there are injury doubts surrounding Simonet *and Joyce in the pack*.

Two of their Irish guests, Finn – who missed Munster's game with the Australians last Saturday – and Lenihan, have withdrawn from the invitation side through injury, while Blakeney is unable to begin his comeback until next month. Morley, the Bristol wing, will replace Finn and Boyle (Moseley) takes over from his 1983 Lions colleague, Lenihan.

SCHOOLS RESULTS

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Abbot Beyne 6, Lichfield Friary 22; Arnold, Blackpool 0, *Lancaster RGS 11; Barnard Castle 0*, Pocklington 11; Berkhamsted 3, Bishops Stortford 4; Bethany 4, Kent College 16; Bloxham 10, Bromsgrove 22; Bristol GS 13, Clifton 6; Broxbourne 17, Enfield GS 9; Bryanston 0, Marlborough 14; Campion 36, *Gresham's 3; Canford 26, Douai 6; Cheltenham* GS 30, Merling 4; Cheshunt 6, Hitchin 6; Christ's Hospital 13, Hurstpierpoint 6; Colston's 16, Dauntsey's 0; Cranbrook 10, Dover 7; Cranleigh 19, Sevenoaks 0; Denstone 20, Newcastle-under-Lyme 3; Dulwich 10, *King's, Canterbury 6; Eastbourne 0*, Brighton 12; Eltham 3, John Fisher 7.

Emanuel 14, Purley HS 3; Epsom 41, St John's, Leatherhead 0; Eton 46, St Edmund's, Ware 3; Exeter 25, Allhallows 3; Falmouth 3, Penrith II 6; Forest 6, Sir William Borlase 24; George Watson's 14, Edinburgh Academy 16; Giggleswick 6, Rossall 7; Glenalmond 9, *Merchiston Castle 3; Gravesend GS 14*, Dartford GS 3; Guildford RGS 40, Portsmouth GS 0; Gunnersbury 10, UCS 0; Haberdashers' Aske's, Hatcham 4, Crown Woods 0; Haydon 0, Verulam 58; High Wycombe RGS 10, Windor 10; Hipperholme GS 12, Garforth 10; Hymer's *10, Bradford GS 12; Ipswich 7, Perse 12; Kelly* 20, OK's 13; King Edward VI, Southampton 26, St John's, Southsea 4; King Edward VII, Lytham 25, Cowley 0.

King Edward's, Birmingham 37, Wrekin 0; King Henry VIII, Coventry 0, Haberdashers Askes, *Elstree 15; King's, Bruton 20*, Edward's, Bath 10; King's, Grantham 0, Nottingham HS 22; King's, Macclesfield 10, Rydal 12; King's, Taunton 4, Blundell's 3; Langley Park 10, St George's, Gravesend 6; Leeds GS 26, Newcastle RGS 12; Llandovery 6, Belmont Abbey 13; Lord Wandsworth 0, Reed's 6; Loretto 6, Fettes 4; Magdalen CS, *Oxford 6, Royal Latin 8; Maidstone GS 18, St* Olaves GS 10; Merchiston Castle 3, Glenalmond 9; Monmouth 17, Millfield 12; Normanton FHS 32, Myers Grove, Sheffield 12; North Leamington 6, KES, Lichfield 9; Oakham 15, The Leys 32; Old Swinford Hosp 13, *Hereford Cathedral 7; Oratory 3*, Lord William's, Thame 9; Plymouth 6, Sherborne 16.

Queen Elizabeth's Barnet 10, Alleyne's, Stevenage 8; Queen's Taunton 20, Q E H Bristol 12; Radley 9, Wellington 3; Ratcliffe 13, Mount St Mary's 6; Rugby 4, Warwick 4; *Rutlish 9, Hampton 18; St Albans 3, Bancroft's* 0; St Austell 11, Redruth 11; St Bees 22, Whitehaven 4; St Dunstan's, Catford 9, Rochester Math. 4; St Edward's, Oxford 8, Bedford 18; St George's Harpenden 12, Richard Hale 18; St John's Southsea 4, King Edward VI, Southampton 28; St Joseph's, Ipswich 26, Culford 0; St Lawrence, Ramsgate *15, Duke of York's, Dover 10; St Paul's 16*, Merchant Taylor's 12; Skinners 7, Judd 28; Stamford 22, King's Peterborough 3; Stonyhurst 9, Q E Wakefield 4; Solihull 9, Loughborough 3; Stowe 6, Cheltenham 6.

Trinity, Croydon 12, St Joseph's Blackheath 17; Taunton 3, Downside 10; Tiffin 3, Reigate GS 23; Truro 4, Shebbear 28; Uppingham 3, Sedbergh 20; Wallington HS 31, St Mary's, Sidcup 6; Wells Cathedral 3, Prior Park 7; Whitgift 16, KCS, Wimbledon 9; Wimbledon 20, *St Benedict's, Ealing 3; Woodhouse Grove 24*, Prince Henry's, Otley 0; Worth 10, St George's, Weybridge 10; Welbeck 3, Trent 9; Wellington, Somerset 8, Old Wellingtonians 6; Worksop 6, St Peter's, York 16; Wolverston 0, Wymondham 12.

SQUASH RACKETS: EMERGING TALENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Tremors in ranks of seniors

By Colin McQuillan

The stylish breakthrough by Nicky Spurgeon in the British under 23 championships, accompanied by the re-establishment of Jamie Hickox as the men's champion in the same Blue Stratos-sponsored event, will send tremors of trepidation through the senior ranks *of the game*.

Miss Spurgeon successively removed two senior British champions from the strong women's field at Redwood Lodge, Bristol. In a fascinating five-set semi-final she ended the long home pre-eminence of the British champion, Lisa Opie, the world No 2. Then she *comprehensively crushed the 1982* senior champion, Alison Cummings, in their three-game, 44 minute final.

Both these vastly more experienced and famously tough young women were driven from the court in desparing tears by the fierce strenght and impressive racket skill of the 22-year-old from Surrey.

Hickox possesses a flashing, inventive playing technique that owes little to orthodox coaching and much to observent independent shot practice. When his court geometry is properly aligned, especially after enthusiastic oppents *have flogged the first life out of the* ball, this smiling 20-year-old, who is aslo from Surrey, can cut the best to pieces with a late flow of deadly angles and nicks.

His friend Danny Lee attempted a riposte in kind at Bristol cutting and dropped his way back from 0-7 *to 6-7 in the fourth game after an* hour-long, fading attritional attempt in the first three. Hickox allowed that much proximity, perhaps in acceptance of the imitative compliment, then summarily executed his frequent tournament companion with two shots of such deception that only those on court fully *understood the consequences*.

Australia is back in the world hunt

Munich (Reuter) – A new breed of young Australians is emerging to ***challenge Pakistan's traditional*** **supremacy in squash. Heading it is Chris Dittmar, aged 20, who has risen in little more than 12 months from comparative obscurity to become the world's second-best player.**

Dittmar, who recently knocked Pakistan's Qamar Zaman off the No 2 pedestal, is one of four Australians in the world's top 10 and eight in the top 20. Although Pakistan's Jahangir Khan, unbeaten in more than three and a half years, still rules the roost, only two of his compatriots are in the top 20. It is a far cry from the days when Pakistanis packed the world rankings.

The ginger-haired, left-handed Dittmar believes that Australia is on the brink of even greater things with a generation of youngsters eager to emulate the feats of Geoff Hunt, who retired two years ago after more than a decade of winning world championships and other major titles.



Hunt: old master

Dittmar points out that Australia's national junior squad recently beat Pakistan to take the world team title and six Australians reached the last eight in the world under-19 championship. "These boys are really terrific", Dittmar said at the recent West German open tournament, in which he lost in a five-set semi-final to the eventual winner, Ross Norman, of New Zealand. "I've lost to a couple of them and there are a lot of others coming through. We have a really good little group of youngsters."

Dittmar could almost be placed in ***that category himself. Last Decem*****ber, when only 19, he surprised everyone by reaching the world open final, also in Munich, where he lost to Jahangir. "That week was like a dream. I couldn't believe what was happening to me", he said.**

Since then Dittmar has moved steadily up the rankings with ***brilliant touch play which marks*** **him as one of the most exciting players in the world to watch. Strangely, but perhaps wisely, he is not now pursuing the next obvious goal – to take over from Jahangir as the world's No 1.**

"There are few blokes in the top 10 I haven't beaten regularly, so I don't think I can say I'm the second best yet", he said. "I mean that honestly. I'm not being modest. I must prove I'm the No 2 and then I'll look further."

It is Dittmar's misfortune that the immaculate Jahangir is the same age as he and could conceivably continue to dominate squash for the next decade or more. But there signs ***that other players are getting closer*** **to the Pakistani's standard. New Zealand's Stuart Davenport gave him a close run in the final of the world Masters tournament in Warrington earlier this month.**

Dittmar and the other top Australians, Dean Williams, Ross Thorne and Greg Pollard, have their best chance of confirming Australia's growing ascendancy at next month's world championships when they take on Jahangir in his Pakistan stronghold.

OLYMPIC GAMES

French go for both Olympics

Paris (Reuter) – The two French candidates for the 1992 summer and winter Olympic Games should mount a joint campaign, a French official said yesterday.

The savoy region has already applied to be considered for the winter games, and Paris is expected to announce its candidacy for the summer Olympics in the next few days.

France wants to hold both Games to mark the centenary of the speech by the French baron, Pierre de Coubertin, which inspired the *modern Olympic movement*.

Michel Barnier, president of the Savoy region's candidacy committee, and a leading local politician, called for the joint campaign at a Paris press conference. He was flanked by the Olympic ski champion, Jean-Claude Killy, who was born in the Savoy region and is a vice-president of the candidacy committee. Killy won all three men's Olympic Alpine titles at the 1968 Olympics, the last time France staged the games.

Apart from Savoy, in south-eastern France near the Italian border, other 1992 Winter Olympic Games candidates are Lillehammer in Norway, Falun in Sweden, Cortina d'Ampezzo in Italy and Berchtesgaden in West Germany.

Mr Barnier said Savoy planned a self-financing Games and said: "We would appeal to the private sector and be open to sponsoring within the Olympic rules." The Savoy committee estimates building and *transport costs at $300m (£240m)*.

The French government has said it would support Savoy and Paris, though Paris woul be the priority. *The state would cover 50 per cent of* Paris's costs, to a total of $200m.

The French National Olympic Committee wil present Savoy's proposal to the International Olympic Committee, which will decide on the site in September, 1986. I Savoy's candidature is accepted, the Games will be held from February 1 to 16, 1992

TENNIS

McNamara to partner McNamee again

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee, twice Wimbledon doubles champions, may be back in harness next year, possibly in time for the World Championship Tennis tournament at the Albert Hall from January 1 to 6. *McNamara retired from the game in* March 1983, because of seriously damaged knee ligaments, but he changed his mind, underwent surgery last January and has doggedly struggled through a long and arduous rehabilitation.

The field for the Albert Hall will probably include at least one Swedish pair. Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson were runners-up last year. It should be noted, though, that in the past 12 months two other Swedish pairs have beaten the Wimbledon champions, Peter Fleming and John McEnroe, in grand slam championships (Joakim Nystrom and Mats Wilander in Australia and Jarryd and Steffan Edberg in the United States).

The WCT doubles will coincide with a new singles event, the Young Masters, to be sponsored by Belgian American Investments, a company based in Texas. Open to leading players born in 1963 or later, the tournament will be played at the National Exhibition Centre, Bir*mingham, from January 2 to 6*. The idea is to establish an unofficial world championship for players aged 21 or less.

The 18 most highly ranked players in this age group will be eligible. The draw of 24 will be completed by invited players, at least one of whom will be British. Players expected to take part include Wilander, Nystrom, Edberg Henrik Sundstrom, Pat Cash, Aaron Krickstein, Libor Pimek, Henri Leconte and possibly Slobodan *Zivojinovic, who won both his* singles in Yugoslavia's Davis Cup tie against Britain at Eastbourne in September.

An additional incentive for outstanding youngsters to make the trip to Birmingham is that the tournament will be an ideal preparation for the Grand Prix Masters, to be played in New York the following week. The New York fixture will be played in January for two more years, but will then be shifted to late November or early *December thus serving as a* more logical climax to the year's Grand Prix circuit.

Another forthcoming change in the calendar of leading indoor tournaments is that next year the European Champions' Championship in Antwerp will be played a fortnight earlier, from October 28 to November 3.



McNamara: changed his mind

Miss Wood loses her way

By Lewine Mair

Shelley Walpole may have looked her usual doleful self on court on the second day of the LTA's £8,000 event at Peterborough yesterday, but, underneath, it seemed there were new ripples of confidence as, *for a second successive day*, she accomplished the difficult task of beating a promising British youngster ranked below her.

Belinda Borneo, aged 17, was her first victim and Clare Wood, aged 16, from Sussex, her second. Miss Walpole's start against Miss Wood was horribly tentative but, after losing the first set 1-6, she began to wait for her opponent to make the mistakes and ultimately won 1-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Miss Walpole, who was 19 two *months ago, had no hesitation in* describing 1984 as "my worst year ever." A win over Claudia Kohde-Kilish who is currently ranked eighth in the world, served to remind her that she could play a bit, but the effect of that result faded fast with a win-less run in the United States.

Last week Miss Walpole lost to *Holly* Danforth, a 15-year-old American. Today she plays Miss Danthorth's doubles partner Kirsten Dreyer, also aged, 15. It can hardly be an inviting prospect.

The only other British survivors in the last eight, Joanne Louis and Sally Reeves now meet each other. Miss Louis hit the ball hard and angled *it well against Isabel le* Crudo, a 20-year-old French girl who has many "surprise" shots at her disposal, but is not too well schooled in the art of keeping a rally going in times of real pressure.

Miss Reeves, the only British player to take a point in the recent Junior Wightman Cup match won 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, against Ellinore Lightbody, of Wales. The English girl was her usual effective self but nothing impressed more than the way in which Miss Lightbody used her head to snatch the first set from a player currently ranked comfortably ahead of her.

The match lasted close to three hours, and indeed, was at one time making so little headway that the tournament referee, Mrs Georgina Clark, who is worryingly short of courts and court-time at this venue, was put uncomfortably in mind of a recent game under her jurisdiction in the United States. Though only two sets, the encounter in question *ran to a mind-boggling and much* publicised six hours and 31 minutes.

RESULTS: Second round: M van der Torre (Neth) bt J Wood (Middlesex) 6-3, 7-6; S Walpole (Surrey) bt C Wood (Sussex) 1-6, 6-0, 6-1; G Dinou (WG) bt M Pintarora (Czech) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; P Hy (HK) bt K Mous (US) 6-0, 7-5; B Norton (US) bt H Danforth (US) 6-1, 6-2; J Louis (Devon) bt I Crudo (Fr) 6-3, 2-6, 6-1; S Reeves (Kent) bt E Lightbody (Wales) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; K Dreyer (US) bt C Lechner (WG) 6-2, 6-0.

CRICKET

India confirm their faith in the younger generation

From Richard Streeton,
Rajkot

As a chastened England team worked hard yesterday in the nets, three of the Under-25 XI who beat them on Monday by an innings found themselves *in a party of 14* India have named for the first Test match. None of the three, Azharuddin, Prabhakar and Sivaramakrishnan, are expected to play when the series opens in Bombay on November 28 but they could win caps before the rubber ends.

The Indian selectors, whose chairman is Chandu Borde, the former all-rounder, are often accused in their own country of remaining faithful to established players too long. England's defeat has been hailed by Indians as confirming the strength of the new generation of Indian players and the selectors have acknowledged this fact.

Sivaramakrishnan, the 18-year-old leg-spinner who mesmerized the Englaidh batsmen in the second innings in Ahmedabad, won his only Test cap in West Indies 18 months ago. Azharuddin, who made 151 on Monday and Prabhakar, a swing bowler who helped India win *the Asia Cup in Sharjah* earlier this year, have not yet played in a Test. Their inclusion at Bombay is seen as giving them a taste of big match atmosphere.

Otherwise *the Indian squad* is as expected, with the medium-pace bowlers Madan Lal and B. S. Sandhu, the batsman, Ghulam Parkar and the all-rounder Roger Binny onmitted of those on the borderline of selection. Clearly the selectors are satisfied with Kapil Dev's fitness. England have not yet seen the other opening bowler, Chetan Sharama, aged 18, who started his Test match career in Pakistan in October.

England will also note that India look likely to include three spinners, with the off-spinner Yadav and left-arm. Maninder Singh joining Shashtri. Maninder withdrew from the Under-25 XI, reportedly with malaria, as did Chetan Sharma with a stomach upset.

The daily Bombay-Rajkot flight was diverted to Ahmedabad at breakfast time to pick up the *England Players, who were reunited* with Moxon, who has returned from his father's funeral. Moxon later looked in good order during the afternoon nets in Rajkot, which were taken very seriously indeed, but understandably he has not been included in the side to meet West Zone in the four-day match starting today.



Moxon: England reunion

England have chosen 10 of their probable Test side for what is the final fixture before the Test, Pocock being likely to come in for Marks. *Pocock is regarded as the main* attacking off-spinner but after the Ahmedabad setback there is a natural leaning towards Marks's inclusion because of his superior batting.

There is little doubt that Englad's dreadful performance against the Under-25 XI has been take to heart by Gower's players. Whether there were umpiring mistakes or not the fact remained that England let themselves down in terms of application and technique. Above all, England, *must not become* paranoid about Indian umpires as Keith Fletcher's side did three years ago. It will, however, mean adjustments in approach and if they include not padding away the ball against spinners, for fear of being given out, caught by the close fieldsmen, there are many purists who would not mind.

Gavaskar has chosen to miss today's match and his Test opening partner Gaekwad is resting an injured foot, but the Englans attack will be fully stretched agdin, with the Test players, Vengsarkar and Sandeep Patil having their first look *at the touring team's attack*. Rajput and Pandit, who is also the wicketkeeper, are considered Test batsmen of the future.

Rajkot, which lies about a hundred miles inland from the Arabian Sea, is in the throes of trying to establish itself as a regular Indian cricket centre. A new pitch was laid two years ago and gave spin bowler's some extravagant help on the first day, and games there have been low-scoring ones since. West Zone's bowlers include Ashok Patel, the off-spinner, whose action caused comment at Jaipur, and Sunil Gudge, who bowls leg-breaks at a faster pace than usual. Balwinder Sandhu, who played in India's World Cup win at Lord's, and Kulkarni, who appeared for the President's team against Gower's *side, will share the new ball*.

England's only previous visit to Rajkot was made by Jardine's 1933-34 MCC side. They beat the *Western Indian States XI*, who included R. J. O. Meyer, the Somerset all-rounder, who founded Millfield School, by four wickets in a three-day game. Les Townsend, the Derbyshire all-rounder, who later emigrated to New Zealand and coached, took 10 wickets in the match. The MCC side in batting order 51 years ago next week was: Mitchell, Bakewell, Nichols, Barnett, Townsend, B. H. Valentine, Langridge (Jas), J. H. Human, Verity, Elliott and Clark.

The almost daily itinerary change concerns the three-day fixture from December 7-9, which will not now take place in Poona. England have *turned down a request* to play it in Kolhapur *and it will* be held in the Test stadium in Bombay.

WEST ZONE: S Hattangadi, L Rajput, D B Vengsarkar, S M Patil, C Pandit, R Kulkarni, B S Sandhu, S Keswala, Ashok Patel, S Judge, S Kalyani.

ENGLAND: G Fowler, T Robinson, M Gatting, D Gower, A Lamb, R Ellison, V Marks, P Edmonds, P Downton, P Allott, N Cowans.

Qasim's triumphant return

Lahore (Reuter) – Pakistan took only 20 minutes yesterday to wrap up the first Test against New Zealand in a further demonstration of their impressive recent home form.

The Pakistanis have demolished Australia and England at home in the past two years and today they took a decisive step towards winning the three-Test series against New Zealand.

Pakistan resumed at 153 for four, needing only a further 25 runs for their ninth vicotry over the tourists, *and* Salim Malik and Javed Miandad quickly ensured the win would be a mere formality.

A boundary by Salim (24 not out) off Stirling provided the winning runs although Miandad's patient 48 not out proved the foundation of the Pakistani second innings.

The match proved a triumph for the left-arm spinner, Iqbal Qasim, whose match aggretate of eight for 106 *fully* vindicated the selectors' decision to recall him after an absence of 13 tests.

New Zealand's captain, Jeremy Coney, said later the defeat was a result of his team's *lack of match* practice and promised improved performances in the remaining two Tests. "Our performances in the field and our bowling were quite satisfactory but our batting was not good enough," Coney said. "We bowled Pakistan out fo their lowest first innings total on this ground for many years, which did give us some pride."

NEW ZEALAND, 157 (M D Crowe 55, I D S Smith 41, Iqbal 4 for 41, Mudassir Nazar 3 for 8) and 241 (J G Wright 65, Iqbal Qasim 4 for 65, Abdul Qadir 3 for 82).

PAKISTAN 221 (Mohsin Khan 58, Zaheer Abbas 43, Chatfield 3 for 57):

Second innings

Mudassir Nazar b Boock	[illegible]
Mohsin Khan c and b Gray	[illegible]
Qasim Omar lbw b Stirling	[illegible]
Javed Miandad not out	48
Zaheer Abbas c Smith b Gray	[illegible]
Salim Malik not out	24
Extras (lb-4)	4
Total (4 wkts)	[illegible]

Did not bat: Abdul Qadar, Anil Dalpat, Iqbal Qasim, Azzam Hafeez, Tausif Ahmed.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-77, 3-77, [illegible]

BOWLING: Stirling, 15.1-2-60-1; Chatfield, [illegible] 7-12-0; Boock, 17-2-56-1; Gray, [illegible]; Coney, 2-1-4-0.

GOLF

'Outspoken' Barnes is fined £1,500

Brian Barnes, the ***Ryder Cup player***, **has been fined a total of £1,500 by the Professional Golfers' Association for two breaches of discipline, the 39-year-old Scot will, however, appeal against the £500 penalty imposed for comments he made on television during the Drybrough Scottish Professional Championship at Dalmahoy in August.**

The other fine, of £1,000 has been inflicted, "for alleged derogatory remarks about The PGA and its staff during the D and I Leisure Southern PGA Championship at Mannings Heath in September", the PGA said in a statement yesterday.

Bill Longmuir has also been ***discipline. He was fined £500 for*** **failing to resume his first round in the Southern PGA tournament following a breach because of bad weather. It was alleged that he left the course without informing tournament officials. He subsequently sent a letter of explanation to the PGA and has 28 days to** ***appeal against his fine***.



Barnes: disrepute charges

Barnes learned of his penalties – among the biggest ever levied in golf on his return from the King Hassan Trophy Tournament, which ended in Morocco on Sunday, and he was therefore not present at last week's PGA general committee hearing.

Barnes said yesterday: "I realized ***that the fines were imminent*** **and I shall write to the PGA about the Southern Championship because I** ***think the penalty is a little sever***.

"As far as the Scottish Championship is concerned, I shall be contesting that. They seem to think I was slanging the golf course and the organizers of the tournament, which I was not. I said the pin positions were too severe considering the dry conditions of the course."

The PGA statement said: "Barnes criticized the preparation of the course during the Scottish Championship in a live television interview during which he was said to have sworn on several occasions."

But Barnes said: "The odd 'bloody' is part and parcel of my language, but I am fairly convinced I did not do anything more than that. ***If those sort of words are regarded as severe swear words then we are*** **going back into the Dark Ages".**

It was alleged that Barnes' remarks at Mannings Heath were heard by the sponsor, officials and members of the public. Barnes said: "Unfortunately what I said was heard by some spectators and one of the ***sponsors***. **I was not being derogatory about the particular tournament smoothly."**

The Scot has been in trouble with officialdom in the past. He was fined £250 for putting one-handed in a tournament, but a £500 fine for comments he made about the Belfry course some years ago was subsequently waived.

BADMINTON

England's tireless campaigner

By Richard Eaton

Gillian Gilks, with 18 international seasons and 11 All-England titles behind her, never tires of winning. At Bournemouth on Monday she and Karen Beckman saved four match points just when England seemed to be slipping to defeat at 3-4 in the fifth of the six-match series against China.

A few shuttles were not put on the floor as they might have been, but no one could quibble about the *intensity of effort that inflicted* a 16-17, 15-13, 17-16 defeat upon Shi Wen and Ruan Xiaoqing.

It was vindication for Mrs Beckman who had been dropped earlier in the tour, and further encouragement for Mrs Gilks whose second win of the evening it was after she and Martin Dew had won *15-12, 11-15, 15-3 against* Wang Yueping and Lao Yujin.

England's top two singles players, Helen Troke and Nick Yates both *won. Miss Troke, who has* won on all three occasions that Brian Hooper who coaches her, has been present, and lost on the other two, still looks emotionally fragile despite her 11-2, 6-11, 11-3 *success* over Shi Wen; Yates beat Li Mao 15-9, 15-11.

RESULTS: (England names first): S Baddeley lost to Zhang Qiang, 10-15, 15-17; Miss H Troke bt Shi Wen, 11-2, 6-11, 11-3; M Dew and Mrs G Gilks bt Wang Yueping and Miss Lao Yujin, 15-12, 11-15, 15-3; D Hall lost to Zhen Jianhua, 7-15, 15-10, 7-15; Mrs K Beckman lost to Miss Chen Minhua, 6-11, 2-11; N Yates bt Li Mao 15-9, 15-11; M Treagett and A Goode lost to Zhou Jincan and Zhang Qiang, *15-9, 9-15, 12-15*. Gilks and Beckman bt Shi Wen and Ruan Xiaoqing, 16-17, 15-13, 17-16; Mrs K Chapman and Miss G Gowers bt Miss Lao Yujin and Miss Chen Minhua 15-18, 15-17, 15-5; Dew and Baddeley lost to Zhou and Jianhua 8-15, 13-17. Match score: *England 5, China 5*. Series: *China lead England 2-1 (2 drawn)*.



Mrs Gilks: two wins

Henry's year complete

Wayne Henry, aged *15*, was rewarded for his achievements this year when he was named today as winner of the Golf Foundation award. The schoolboy from Redbourn, Hertfordshire, received the trophy after the annual meeting of the foundation in London.

Wayne, who is the nephew of Ron Henry, the former Tottenham and England footballer, first came to prominence in July, when he was 14, by leading the regional qualifying round of the Open championship at Porters Park, with a par 70. Henry, who now has a handicap of one, subsequently earned selection for the England boy's team and also won the Peter McEvoy Trophy and the Golf Foundation Under-15 championship.

The foundation has doubled its expenditure on coaching youngsters over the past two years, but still showed a profit of more than £4,000. Professionals were paid £71,000 to coach youngsters.

TOMORROWS FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

MILK CUP (Fourth Round)
Chelsea v Manchester City
Norwich v Notts County
Sunderland v Tottenham

FA CUP, First round replays
Bognor v Swansea
Colchester v Southend
VS Rugby v Northampton

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division
Brechin v Hamilton

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Sutton Coldfield v Hednesford. Southern division: Addlestone v Gosport Borough.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round replay: Orient v Sutton United.

GOLA LEAGUE: Scarborough v Frickley Athletic.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Oswestry v Burton Albion.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Aston Villa v Liverpool, Barnsley v *Blackburn*, Everton v West Bromwich, Sheffield United v Huddersfield. Second division: Bolton v Scunthorpe, Doncaster v Burnley, Port Vale v Wigan.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University v London University (Fenner's, 2.0).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Sth Glam Inst (7.0); Cambridge Univ V M R Steel Bodgers XV (2.30), Glamorgan Wdrs v Ebbw Vale (7.15). Gloucester v Exeter Univ v Major Stanley XV (2.30).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Middlesex County Club v Civil Service (Osterley RFC (2.30).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: UK professional tournament (Guildhall, Preston).

HOCKEY: London League (2.15). London University v Cambridge University.

BASKETBALL: RAF inter-command championship (RAF West Drayton) National Trophy first round: Cleveland v McEwan Tyneside (8.0). Sandwell Mall v Swindon Rangers (7.30). Tower Hamlets v Camden (8.0).

Stenmark may quit

Val Senales, Italy (AP) – Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, who is training here for the forthcoming World Cup of Alpine Skiing, says 1985 could be his last season. "I am going to take a final decision on the *basis of results in the world* championships in February," he said. The Swede, an Olympic champion, has won the World Cup three times.

BOXING

McGuigan will keep promise made to his grandfather

By George Ace

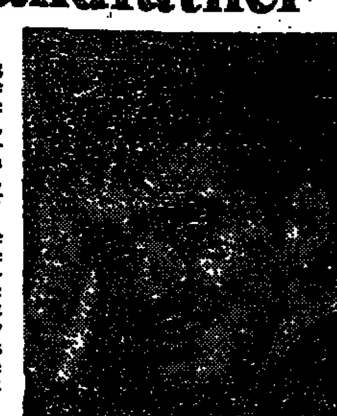
A large majority of boxing followers in Northern Ireland are convinced that Christmas will come a week early for Barry McGuigan, the British and European featherweight champion, who puts both titles on the line at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Wednesday, December 19, against Clyde Ruan, of Slough.

But the champion does not share that view. At a press conference yesterday in the Eastwood gymnasium, Belfast, McGuigan said: "Ruan has lost only two fights out of 23 and he has had his eyes on my title ever since he beat Paul Huggins last December. And don't forget one punch can swing a fight. Ask Frank Bruno or Errol Christie.

"There is no such thing as a certainty in this game and Ruan will, I am sure, give it a real go. He reckons Charm Chiteule gave me something of a boxing lesson before I stopped him in the tenth round earlier this year. And I understand he has gone on record as saying he intends to do the same but get a different result.

"He'll get his chance to prove his point on the nineteenth. I am really looking forward to this fight because it gives me the opportunity to get another notch on a Lonsdale Belt, and winning that belt rates second in my book to a world title.

"I promised my grandfather many years ago that I would win a Lonsdale Belt and I am to keep that promise. I started training the day after my last fight on October 13.



McGuigan: titles at stake

And I am prepared to go the full distance, if necessary."

This will be McGuigan's first defence of his British title which he won in the same arena in April last year when he stopped Vernon Penprase in two rounds.

Ruan won the right to challenge McGuigan when he defeated Pat Doherty on points over 12 rounds in a final eliminator in Kensington last June when his Southern Area title was also at stake.

The promotion is sponsored by Smirnoff, whose involvement, according to the promoter, Stephen Eastwood, has made it possible to stage the contest at the Ulster Hall, whose capacity is limited to 1,500.

MP fights for Pearce

David Pearce, the British heavyweight champion currently barred from boxing on medical grounds and in dispute the the British Boxing Board of Control over purse money, has enlisted the aid of his member of Parliament.

Roy Hughes, the Labour MP for Newport East, has written to the board complaining about the "unfair treatment" Pearce has received. He says that Pearce, whose last contest was in Limoges in March, when he lost a European title bout to Lucien Rodriguez on points, has still not received more than £7,000 of the £19,000 due to him.

Mr Hughes claims that the boxer is being kept out of action for "mysterious medical reasons" and that two Harley Street consultants say that he is now fit to box again.

A board spokesman said that Peace has been subject to a series of neurological tests and that his fitness to box again was to be reviewed. He said that the purse had been paid, but other monies still had to be settled.

CYCLING

Victory bound: Francesco Moser (right) relays with his partner Rene Pijnen on the way to triumph in Paris

Six-day triumph for Moser and Pijnen

Paris (Reuter) – Francesco Moser of Italy, the world one-hour record holder, and his experienced partner René Pijnen, of the Netherlands, staged a late charge to win the Paris six-day at the Bercy velodrome on Monday night.

Moser and Pijnen overhauled the defending champions, Bernard Vallert, of France, and Gert Frank, of Denmark, in the last 40 minutes to win on points against the combination who took the first Paris six-day event, last February.

Danny Clark and Gary Wiggins, of Australia, compiled the biggest points total but finished with two other pairs one lap behind the two leading squads and had to settle for third place. It was the 65th six-day triumph for the 38-year-old Pijnen and the twelfth for Moser, who gained revenge for the defeat he and Dietrich Thurau, of West Germany, suffered against Frank and Vallet here in February.

Laurent Fignon, twice winner of the Tour de France, made ground on the final night to finish his first six-day outing with his fellow Frenchman, Charles Mottet, in sixth place, two laps behind the winners. They had been five laps adrift the previous night.

Moser and the rugged Clark staged the vital attack 42 minutes from the finish, catching Vallet and Frank by surprise to seize the advantage.

FINAL PLACINGS: 1, F Moser and R Pijnen (It/Neth) 235 pts; 2, B Vallet and G Frank (Fr/Den) 185; One lap behind: 3, D Clark and G Wiggins (Aust) 311; 4, S Tourne and E de Wilde (Belg) 159; 5, U Freuler and D Gisiger (Switz) 150; Two laps: 6, L Fignon and C Mottet (Fr) 83; Three laps: 7, F van den Haute and D Thurau (Belg/WG) 44; Four laps: 8, H Schuetz and R Hofeditz (WG) 40; 11 laps: 9, Y Bertin and H Rinklin (Fr/WG) 138; 12 laps: 10, R Dill Bundi and H-H Oersted (Switz/Den) 50.

SPEED SKATING

Moving into new age and image

Inzell, West Germany (Reuter) – Sweeping changes to make speed-skating more popular, including the introduction of pursuit events, relays and new distances, were announced on Monday by the International Skating Union's technical commission. Ideas would be drawn up to present to the ISU's congress in Denmark in 1986 along with previously announced plans to start a World Cup series.

Thormod Moum, of Norway, a member of the commission, said: "Our sport must leave behind the Middle Ages of its history and move into the modern age or it will soon be dead?"

Among the recommendations are a 3,000 – metre team pursuit event, in which three members of a four-man must cross the line in a bunch with the time of the third man being recorded, a 4x400 metres relay and new races over 300, 700 and 900 metres.

The commission also wants to make the classic 10,000 metres more attractive. Only eight instead of 16 skaters would take part, with four rather than two on the ice at the same time, cutting the duration of the event from three hours or more to 40 minutes.

IN BRIEF

Decker and Budd race turned down

The American Olympic runner, Mary Decker, whose hopes for a gold medal at the 1984 games were dashed by a collision with Zola Budd, has rejected a promoter's offer of $400,000 for a match race against the barefoot South African, her coach Dick Brown, told *Newsweek*.

"If Mary meets – or would have met – Zola in a regular track-meet race, fine," Brown said. "But the idea of meeting in a match race with all the attendent media hype just doesn't appeal."

● Eamonn Coghlan, who is 32 on Wednesday, will compete for the first time in the American national cross-country championship in Boston next Saturday.

Johnny Woods leads the republic of Ireland squad. He is joined by Paul O'Callaghan of Tipton Harriers, with the rest of the team: E. Tierney (Clonliffe), P. McGrath (Belfast Olympic) and P. Moloney (Limerick).

DISABLED SPORT: A tournament for disabled volleyball players is to be held next year by the English Volleyball Association. It will be in memory of Ray Tingley, coach of the British men's disabled team, who died in May.

RACING: TENACIOUS ROWELL TAKES RIDING HONOURS WITH FONTWELL PARK DOUBLE

Fallen hero rises to do battle again

By John Karter

Despite the dramatic early departure of the local hero, Benny's Boy, in the Wally Coomes Chase and the fact that results certainly did not all go the way of backers, the crowd who flocked to Fontwell Park yesterday surely saw more than enough to send them home happy.

The third-fence fall of Benny's Boy not only produced the largest groan of the day from the horse's private army of supporters, who had expected nothing less than a ninth course victory for the 11-year-old, but it made by far the most compulsive and heart-stopping viewing.

After nosediving at the obstacle and giving his younger rider, Chris Warren, no chance of staying in the saddle, Benny's Boy proceeded to career wildly up and down the course throughout the greater part of the race. Onlookers everywhere moved quickly into reverse as the horse veered first towards one section of the crowd and then another.

Luckily, just as he was heading back towards the approaching field, the old warrior finally decided that discretion was the better part of valour and succumbed to the frantic arm-waving of Charlie Moore, his trainer. Having calmed his tattered nerves, Adrian Nolan, his devoted Irish owner, was delighted to report that Benny's Boy was quite unscathed and would re ready to do battle again at Newbury on Saturday.

The race went to the market leader, Tom Tailor, who himself battled like a hero to hold the strong challenge of Master Nibble on the run-in. Roddy Armytage's seven-year-old, who was gaining his third win from three outings this season, will be kept to this level of competition for the foreseeable future, as his trainer described him frankly as "no world beater".

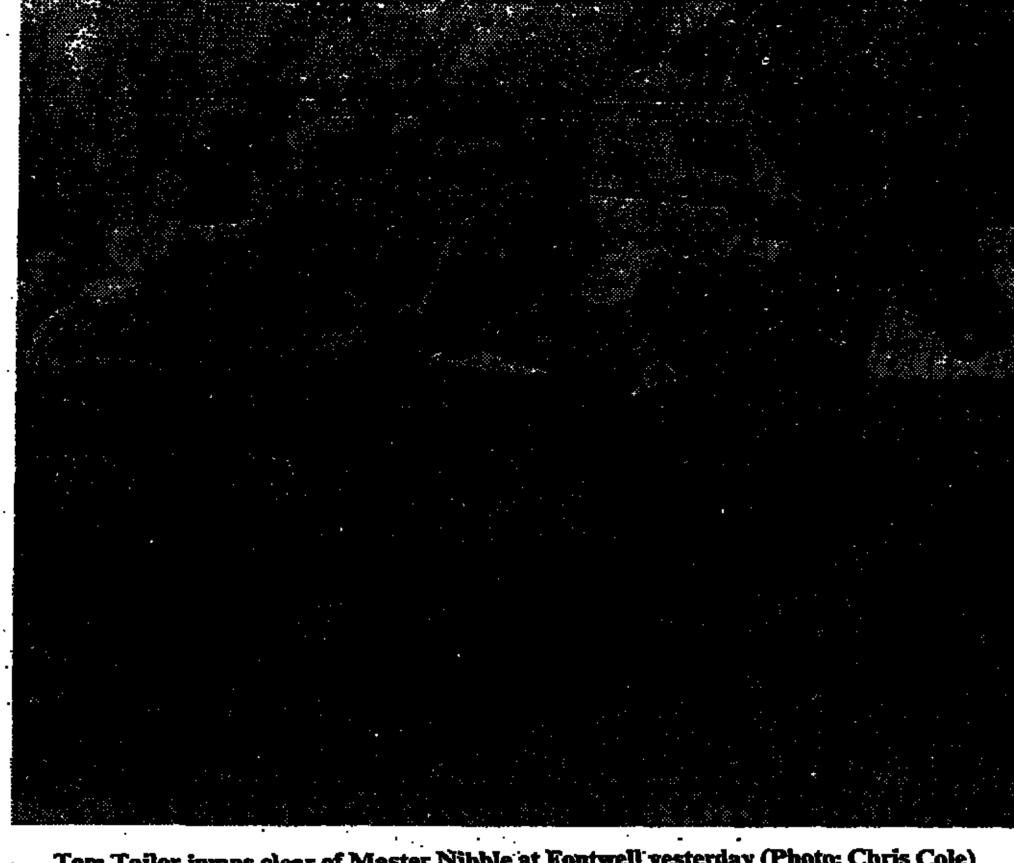
Armytage's outstanding novice of last season, Ardent Spy, will reappear at Newbury at the weekend under a big weight. "They think he's Arkle", the trainer said ruefully. "In retrospect, the worst thing he did was to beat Lettoch last season."

The human hero – or should perhaps it be anti-hero, in view of the fact that he upset two heavily-backed favourites in Gold Of A Gunner and It's Tough – was Roger Rowell, who showed that at 36 he is still one of the most effective riders around.

Rowell won both divisions of the Greenwich Novices Hurdle on War And Peace and Boyne Salmon, respectively. And in both cases it was sheer dogged strength and tenacity from the saddle that carried the day after his mounts had looked beaten in the desperately testing ground.

The main event of the afternoon, the E. Coomes Handicap Hurdle, saw a sparkling performance by Southernair. Peter Haynes's horse looked likely to be swallowed up by Hiz, whom John Francome brought with a smooth run to challenge at the second last hurdle. However, once Allen Webb asked Southernair for a little bit extra, his mount sprinted through the mud to win by an ever-increasing eight lengths.

Southernair runs in the colours of Southern Air Ltd, a helicopter firm run by the well-known racehorse owner Stanley Powell. Connections are now hoping that the sky will also be the limit for their latest high-flyer.



Tom Tailor jumps clear of Master Nibble at Fontwell yesterday (Photo: Chris Cole)

No surprises

There were no surprise withdrawals among the market leaders at the five-day stage for Saturday £20,000 Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury. The 16 declared runners are Burrough Hill Lad, Drumlargan, Everett, Gaye chance, Canny Danny, Sointulla Boy, Tracys Special, Lucky Vane, Shady Deal, Fortina's Express, Earls Brig, Phil The Fluter, Greenwood Lad, Kumbi, Acarine and Cobley Express.

Wayward Lad ready to take firm step on road to Kempton

By Mandarin

WAYWARD LAD, the best three-mile chaser in the country on his day, can start to restore his slightly tarnished reputation by winning the £10,000 Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase (2.0) at Haydock Park this afternoon.

Unfortunately for his connexions and his many supporters, March 15, 1984 was not one of his days. Backed down to 6-4 favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, Wayward Lad failed to show his customary sparkle and was already well beaten when pulled up before the second last.

Wayward Lad's consistent failure to produce his best form at Cheltenham means that his principal target this season is likely to be at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, when he will attempt to become the first horse to win the King George VI Chase three times.

That being the case, Monica Dickinson is likely to have the nine-year-old fighting fit and his recent Wincanton outing will have done him the power of good.

Unlike Wayward Lad, his main rivals, A Kinsman and Scot Lane, usually reserve their top form for Cheltenham and we may not see the best of either until later in the season.

Scot Lane ran the race of his life to finish first in Burrough Hill Lad in the Gold Cup and on that form has the beating of Wayward Lad, especially now that he reopposes on 21lb better terms. However, Martin Tate's good handicapper has not yet come to hand and third place looks the best he can hope for here.

The overnight defection of Badsworth Boy, the champion two-mile chaser, means that Voice Of Progress is likely to start a warm order for the Standard Life Handicap Chase (2.30).

But, David Nicholson's six-year-old was slightly disappointing when a well-beaten third to Half Free in the Mackeson Gold Cup and preference is for the progressive BROKEN SPEECH, whose chance has been considerably assisted by a 7lb rise in the weights overnight.

INISHARRAN, an unlucky loser when falling at Bangor 12 days ago, can belatedly get of the mark in the Billinge Novices' Hurdle (3.30) while ONLY FOR LOVE can give David Nicholson something to smile about by winning the Vaux Breweries Chase qualifier (1.30).

Mercy Rimell, Inisharran's trainer, attempts to win the race which commemorates her husband at Worcester when she saddles Gambling Abbot in the first division of the Fred Rimell Novices' Chase (12.45) and Fluid in the second division (3.15).

However, neither has strong claims and PLAY THE KNAVE and TARTAN TRADER, both of whom have winning form over fences, look far more likely winners. A more obvious contender from Mrs Rimell's stable is Golden Friend in the Hunter's Handicap Chase (1.45), but he may find the concession of a stone to the much-improved SILENT ECHO beyond him.

The Worcester meeting also provides the day's best bet in SUTTON PRINCE, who represents the powerful team of Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin, Fred Winter and Richard Linley in the second division of the Oarsman Novices' Hurdle (3.45).

Sutton Prince won two novice chases when trained by Les Kennard last season but has temporarily been switched back to the smaller obstacles by Winter and had no trouble upsetting the odds laid on Mount Bolus over today's distance of two and a half miles at Kempton Park 13 days ago.

Mount Bolus had won by 15 lengths at the previous Kempton meeting and had beaten high-class hurdlers when fourth to Dawn Run at Liverpool last April. Hypnosis, beaten 12 lengths in third to Sutton Prince, has since won easily at Wincanton.

Bedtime tunes up for cup

Lord Halifax's four-year-old, Bedtime, Britain's entry for Sunday's Japan Cup, is now out of quarantine and yesterday had a three-furlong workout with Welnor, the Italian Derby winner, at Tokyo's Fuchu racecourse.

A field of 16 from 10 countries will compete for a first prize of £252,000 and favourite for the event is one of the American entries, Majesty's Prince, winner of this year's Rothmans International.

HAYDOCK PARK

GOING: good to soft

1.0 WEAVERHAM NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: £1,331: 2m) (20 runners)

5		ABJAD (R Collins) W Morris 11-0	W Morris 4
6		BLYTHE KNIGHT (Needhams Butchers) E Carter 11-0	M Pepper
9	3p	BRENTHURST (B) (Mrs S Fox) F Gibson 11-0	C Hawkins
11	1-	COOPERS KING (John Cooper) G Balding 11-0	B Reilly
12		CROWFOOT'S COUTURE (Douglas Crowfoot) B McMahon 11-0	Mr E McMahon 7
14		GERYON (P Fahey) S Christian 11-0	K Mooney
15	3	GODS LAW (W Robson) A Smith 11-0	C Grant
17		KARUBA (R Giles) J Spearing 11-0	A Webb
19	40	LAWNSWOOD AVENGER (A Hill) D Nicholson 11-0	P Scudamore
21		MAJESTIC LAD (PSB 'Racing' Ltd) M Lambert 11-0	P A Charlton
25		MICKY FOX (Mrs A Beard) W Wharton 11-0	P Tuck
31	2	SHEPHERD'S HYMN (H Grain) T Bill 11-0	G Williams
34	2	STRATHEARN (A Budge) J FitzGerald 11-0	R O'Leary
36		TIME-BEE (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 11-0	D Carcary 7
41		DOLLY COLE (J Ball) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 10-9	J Brough 7
44		LIVERPOOL BAY (Mrs R Formby) R Hollinshead 10-9	–
45		MAGIC (T Civil) W Wharton 10-9	M Brennan
48		RHYMAROUND (J Singleton) D McCain 10-9	K Doolan 4
49		SHAKIRA GROVE (M Lilley) J Spearing 10-9	R Dickin
50		WORLING-PEARL (W Stubbings) E Alston 10-9	M Alston 7

1983: Meeting abandoned – severe frost

9-4 Strathearn, 11-4 Gods Law, 7-2 Shepherd's Hymn, 8 Lawnswood Avenger, 10 Majestic Lad, 12 Brenthurst, Abjad, 20 others.

FORM: SHEPHERDS HYMN (10-7) 5l 2nd of 18 to Newmarket Sausage (10-7) at Sedgefield (2m hdle, £525, soft, Nov 6), with GODS LAW (10-7) 2l away 3rd. KARUBA (10-12) bad 3rd of 10 to Malistrano (10-12) at Kelso (2m hdle, £676, good, Oct 8). STRATHEARN (10-10) 2l 2nd of 18 to sharp and ready (11-10) at Market Rasen (2m hdle, £1,549, good to firm, Oct 19).
Selection: STRATHEARN

Haydock selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Gods Law. 1.30 Only For Love. 2.0 Wayward Lad. 2.30 Broken Speech.

3.0 Sir Lucky. 3.30 Inisharran.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.0 SIR LUCKY (nap).

1.30 VAUX BREWERIES NOVICE CHASE QUALIFIER (£1,861: 3m) (9)

2	00u/1p3	BITTERMAN (D) (P Wartera) J Jefferson 7-11-5	C Grant
4	1006-01	ONLY FOR LOVE (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-3	P Scudamore
5	0000p-f	ANOTHER WAGER (Kitchens for Kitchens) R Fisher 7-11-0	M Meagher 4
6	02pp-pf	AUCHENCRUIVE (Mrs S Saville) A Watson 9-11-0	D Shaw
7	00p-022	BIG BROWN BEAR (G Barlow) G Barlow 7-11-0	G Bradley
8	0p04-3f	BLACK COMBE (S Marsh) R Fisher 8-11-0	J D Doyle 4
10	2pl-f4p	KING'S BRIG (S Hartley) G Richards 8-11-0	J K Kinane
12	32p0-01	PALM CROSS (D) (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 7-11-0	P Barry
13	/3202-p	RUN A MILE (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-10-12	R Lamb

2 Only For Love, 5-2 Big Brown Bear, 3 Palm Cross, 6 Bitterman, 8 Run A Mile, 10 Black Combe, Another Wager, 14 King's Brig, 20 Auchencruive.

FORM: ONLY FOR LOVE (10-10) beat Parish Rigged (10-10) by a distance at Hereford (3m 1f ch, £1,241, soft, Nov 13, 13 ran). KING'S BRIG (11-11) pulled up behind Drumadowney (11-11), earlier (10-10) 4½l 4th to Bucko (10-10) at Wetherby, in which AUCHENCRUIVE (10-10) fell (3m ch, £1,621, good, Nov 2, 9 ran). PALM CROSS (10-8) beat BIG BROWN BEAR (11-0) by a head at Wolverhampton (3m ch, £1,385, good to firm, Oct 31, 14 ran).
Selection: KING'S BRIG

2.0 EDWARD HANMER MEMORIAL CHASE (LIMITED HANDICAP) (£7,167: 3m) (5)

1	1121p-1	WAYWARD LAD (C,D) (Mrs S Thewlis) Mrs M Dickinson 9-12-0 (1 ex)	R Earnshaw
2	f110-32	A KINSMAN (D) (BF) (Mrs J Brockbank) J Brockbank 8-10-13	T G Dun
3	34p0-40	SCOT LANE (CD) (T Isherwood) M Tate 11-10-7	C Smith
4	2/3311-	ONAPROMISE (D) (T Macdonald) Denys Smith 8-10-7	C Grant
5	65-3203	IMPERIAL BLACK (D) (T Webster) N Crump 8-10-7	C Hawkins

4-6 Wayward Lad, 11-4 A Kinsman, 6 Scot Lane, 8 Onapromise, 12 Imperial Black.

Form: Wayward Lad, (11-8) beat Romany Count (11-8) easily at Wincanton last year (11-12) beaten 3l by Brown Chamberlin (11-5) at Newbury (3m ch, £5862, good, Feb 11, 2 ran). A Kinsman, (11-7) 3l 2nd to door latch (11-4) at Sandown, last year (11-4) beat Forgive n' Forget (11-4) 10l at Cheltenham (3m ch, £22,892, good, Mar 14, 18ran). Onapromise, (10-11) beat Rupertino (10-1) by 1½l at Cheltenahm (3m ch, £3817, firm, Nov 11 1983, 6 ran). Imperial Black, (12-7) 13l 3rd to Blue Reef (10-13) at Catterick (3m 1f ch, £2078, good, Nov 10, 8 ran).
Selection: WAYWARD LAD.

2.30 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,759: 2m 4f) (5)

2	1234-33	VOICE OF PROGRESS (D) (M Vestey) D Nicholson 8-11-7	P Scudamore
4	0144/34	STARFEN (BF) (F Ballard) M H Easterby 8-10-3	D Dutton
5	221-111	BROKEN SPEECH (D) (Brig F Noble) N Crump 8-10-0	C Hawkins
7	04210/	BIG GINGER (P Bailie) R Goldie 10-10-0	C Grant
8	1230-23	GREEN DOLPHIN (Mrs C Black) Mrs C Black 10-10-0	K Doolan 4

11-10 Voice Of Progress, 9-4 Broken Speech, 7-2 Starfen, 10 Green Dolphin, 12 Big Ginger.

Form: Voice of Progress, (10-8) 10½l 3rd to Half Free (11-10) at Cheltenham (2m 4f ch, £11574, soft, Nov 10, 10 ran). Starfen, (10-10) 6l 4th to Restless shot (10-4) at Cheltenham (2m ch, £4142, soft, Nov 9, 8 ran). Broken Speech, (11-3) 8l winner over Poyntz Pass (12-0) at Carlisle (2m 4f ch, £1215, good to soft, Oct 26, 5 ran). Green Dolphin, (10-2) 12l 3rd to Acarine (11-12) at Ludlow (2m 4f ch, £1679, good to firm, Oct 28, 11 ran).
Selection: STARFEN.

3.0 BRYN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,763: 2m) (10)

3	11/0p-0	BENFEN (D) (F Ballard) M H Easterby 5-11-9	A Brown
5	2112-	PACIFISTE (D) (M Hellyer) Mrs M Dickinson 4-11-5	G Bradley
9	11040-6	EMLYN PRINCESS (D) (BF) (T Evans) B Swift 4-10-4	C Evans 7
10	u0102-2	SIR LUCKY (B) (P Brown) B McMahon 5-10-4	M Brennan
11	00430-0	LOR MOSS (D) (A Leighton) A Leighton 4-10-3	C Smith
14	43p/010	MASTER PIPER (D) (J Banks) J Jefferson 8-10-0	C Grant
15	0/00/0-	SIR TITUS (D) (Mrs J Rawlinson) W Clay 10-10-0	S Morshead
17	0p04/f-	CHANDHEER (K Warner) W Clay 8-10-0	NON-RUNNER
18	f13-044	SHOUT (K Kane) J Spearing 4-10-0	–
19	00000-	SKYBOOT (Mrs B Robinson) E Carter 5-10-0	D Dutton

11-8 Pacifiste, 3 Sir Lucky, 9-2 Emlyn Princess, 8 Benfen, 10 Master Piper, 20 others.

FORM: BENFEN (10-3) 17½l 6th to Robin Wonder (11-11) at Cheltenham (2m hdle, £7,439, soft, Nov 10, 9 ran). PACIFISTE (11-5) 12l 2nd to Northern Trial (11-1) at Market Rasen (2m hdle, £2304, good to soft, Mar 3, 11 ran). EMLYN PRINCESS (11-2) 26½l 5th to Duke Of Dolls (11-11) at Fontwell (2m 2f hdle, £1,651, good to firm, Sep 4, 7 ran). SIR LUCKY (10-5) short head 2nd to The Diplomat (10-8) at Towcester (2m hdle, £1,996, good, Nov 15, 21 ran). MASTER PIPER (11-0) 21½l 8th to The Diplomat (11-5) at Towcester (2m hdle, £1,866, good to firm, Nov 3, 12 ran).
Selection: SIR LUCKY.

3.30 BILLINGE NOVICE HURDLE (£1,081: 2m 4f) (14)

4	0pf-413	SUPREME BID (Ld Cadogan) N Crump 7-11-7	C Hawkins
8		DREADNOUGHT (J Carden) J Carden 4-11-0	Mr J Carden
10		FRESNO FAIR (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 4-11-0	P Caldwell 7
12	2002-3r	INISHARRAN (BF) (J Bianchi) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-0	S Morshead
14	0	MR HEATH (S Allen) M H Easterby 4-11-0	D Dutton
15	03300-0	PAN ARCTIC (Mrs R Bill) T Bill 5-11-0	G Williams 7
16	p	RISING FOREST (BF) (A F Budge Ltd) J FitzGerald 5-11-0	–
17	0-p	SANDY WOOD (Mrs G Carter) J Townson 6-11-0	K Burke 7
19		STRANDS OF GOLD (Independent Twine Ltd) J FitzGerald 5-11-0	–
21	pf-	WESTWARD TALBOT (R Jeffrey) R Jeffrey 7-11-0	W Beardwood
22		YANK BROWN (C Longstaff) Mrs M Dickinson 4-11-0	R Earnshaw
23	000000-	KELLET (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 4-10-9	P Barry
24	u	MISS KRUGERRAND (E Watkins) R Jeffrey 4-10-9	J Brough 7
26		SPARKLING JENNY (P Barrett) R Hollinshead 4-10-9	P Scudamore

7-4 Yank Brown, 5-2 Inisharran, 5 Supreme Bid, 6 Mr Heath, 8 Rising Forest, 12 Pan Arctic, Sparkling Jenny, 20 others.

FORM: SUPREME BID (11-7) not jump fluently when 6l 3rd of 19 to Dover (11-0) at Catterick (2m hdle, £685, good, Nov 10). INISHARRAN (-10) in lead when unseated rider last in race won by Winart (10-10) at Bangor (2m hdle, £548, soft, Nov 9). MR HEATH (11-0) 20½l 5th of 17 to Hand Over (11-10) at Wetherby (2m hdle, £1,340, good, Nov 2). YANK BROWN (12-0) easy 3l winner from Hungary Hur (12-5) in Limerick bumpers (2m 1f, £1,362, firm, June 21).
Selection: YANK BROWN.

WORCESTER

GOING: Good

12.45 FRED RIMELL MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE (Div I:) £2,185: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

2	32	BYE APPEAL (A Baxter) N S Mitchell 8-10-12	B Powell 4
8	3euf-up	UP EMMASON (G Barley) J Spearing 9-10-12	–
11	400000-	FAMILY VENTURE (G Graham) G Graham 7-10-12	R Goldstein
13	0	GAMBLING ABBOT (J Curtis) Mrs M Rimmell 6-10-12	A Sharpe
14	000-0	GANDOUGE LANE (C House) J Old 7-10-12	P Murphy
15	f-	GINGER BUSH (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 7-10-12	J Burke
16	0/p00-0	GRANSTOWN (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 6-10-12	E Waite
20	30032-1	HY TAB (Mrs Earl Jones) Earl Jones 7-10-12	P Dever 4
21	/00130-	ISANEMOS (Mrs G Bonathan) D Barons 6-10-12	G Newman
27	3400-12	PLAY THE KNAVE (C Barry) P Bailey 7-10-12	A Webber
35	314-	WYFORD (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 7-10-12	–

1983: Voice Of Progress 5-11-4 P Scudamore (4-7 fav) D Nicholson 12 ran

9-4 Play The Knave, 7-2 Wyford, 9-2 Isanemos, 6 Emmason, 10-1 Gambling Abbot, 12 Bye Appeal, Gandouge Lane, 16 others.

Worcester selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Play the Knave. 1.15 Jolly Mac. 1.45 Silent Echo. 2.15 Glen Road. 2.45 Dr Pepper. 3.15 Tartan Trader. 3.45 SUTTON PRINCE (nap).

By Michael Seely

1.45 Silver Cliff. 2.15 Marshell Key.

1.15 OARSMAN NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £769: 2m 4f) (25)

2	0003z-	ARAPAHO PRINCE (Middleriver Trading) J Edwards 5-11-0	P Barton
3	0	BACKSTREET GUY (P Johnson) N Henderson 5-11-0	S Smith-Eccles
4	/0b0pp-	BARNSTED (R Lloyd) W Whiston 5-11-0	S J O'Neill
5	-000p-p	BUCKS GREEN (Mrs B Trafford) J Gifford 6-11-0	R Rowe
6	00000-0	CHERRY PIT (D Jackson) D Jackson 6-11-0	P Carvill
7		COUNTRY CIRCUS (H Pelham) J Gifford 5-11-0	Peter Hobbs
8	0-p8	COUNTRY SPARK (Mrs K Morgan) P Pritchard 6-11-0	A Webber
9	00	DYLAN'S PRIDE (C Lewis) D Barons 5-11-0	–
11	4	GOLD WARBLER (G Bourne) M Oliver 4-11-0	R Dunwoody
13		HUNTER RIVER (R Sutherland) F Walwyn 6-11-0	R Chapman 4
14	22004-4	JOLLY MAC (Mrs S Burley) J Thorne 6-11-0	P Dever 4
15		JON PIPER (J Howard) B Morgan 6-11-0	–
16	00-0	KARANNSU (L J Mahon) A Turnell 6-11-0	Steve Knight
18	0-03306	MASTER BOON (B) (D Martin) D Tucker 5-11-0	S McNeill
19		MAUJENDOR (T Sivlter) M Tate 4-11-0	R Hyett
20	444-	MITHRAS (Miss A Wallace) Mrs K Wallace 6-11-0	Jessica Wallace 4
23	000-	PEARLROY (Mrs J Fraser) Mrs J Fraser 5-11-0	J Suthern
25	p00-234	RINGABING (M Saunders) W Fisher 6-11-0	K Mooney
27	/0fbp-2	WINSOR BOND (Steel Plate & Sections) P Cundell 6-11-0	–
28	p	YANKEE DOODLE (Mrs B Gittins) D Barons 4-11-0	–
29	0	AZARA (W Price) W Price 4-10-9	N Coleman 4
30	00/-	GOOSE GREEN (Mrs D Williams) 4-10-9	J Bryan
31		LEILAWAY (T Price) T Price 4-10-9	D Chinn 7
32	8/42-00	MAJOR SYMPHONY (K Dunn) K Dunn 6-10-9	–
33	0	STOCKTON SLAVE (R Edwards) W Morris 6-10-9	W Morris 4

1983: Autumn Gift 4-10-9 S J O'Neill (30-100 fav) W Jenks 4 ran.

4 Jolly Rag, 5 Winsor Bond, 6 Country Circus, 7 Hunter River, Gold Warbler, 8 Maujendor, 12 Mithras, 14 others.

1.45 HUNTERS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,444: 2m) (13)

2	00-101b	GOLDEN FRIEND (D) (BF) (D Meade) Mrs M Rimmell 6-11-8	R Linley
7	314-2f4	LANDING BOARD (C) (Mrs P Harris) P W Harris 6-10-9	P Croucher 4
8	11fp-pp	STOWELL GROVE (D) (The Lady Vestey) D Nicholson 7-10-9	G Newman
9	001211	SILENT ECHO (CD) (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 9-10-8 (6 ex)	R Dunwoody
10	211p-02	DISHCLOTH (D) (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 10-10-7	J Bryan
13	1022fo	GRANNIE'S PET (D) (A Wiseman) D Gandolfo 9-10-5	M Harrington
14	/0130-0	GALILEO (CD) (Miss S Thomson) R Armytage 9-10-5	A Webber
15	2/033p-	GEMELEK (P Bingley) J Old 8-10-4	P Murphy
18	/40-0p2	SILVER CLIFF (D O'Flynn) J Thorne 7-10-0	P Dever 4
19	0-p3440	LITTLE TROUBLE (CD) C Hitchings) C Hitchings 8-10-0	R Hyett
20	42-33u4	SIR LESTER (J Harrison) J Thomas 8-10-0	A Griffiths
21	00/33-4	ROUGH ESTIMATE (V Bishop) V Bishop 8-10-0	G Mernagh
22	0p20000	DAN DARE (B) (O Henley) O Henley 9-10-0	W Worthington 7

1983: Bird Stream 7-10-0 P Dever (12-1) Lady S Brooke 4 ran

5-2 Silent Echo, 4 Silver Cliff, Golden Friend, 6 Dishcloth, Landing Board, 8 Galileo, 10 Grannie's Pet, 14 others.

2.15 AGA-RAYBURN HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,506: 2m) (10)

2	322-02	MARSHELL KEY (CD) (R Gunner) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-12	M Pitman 7
4	312001-	JUPITER EXPRESS (D) (D McLaughlin) R Peacock 6-11-5	D Browne
6	10f00-0	PATRICK'S FAIR (D) (W Slater) R Peacock 8-11-0	C Seward
9	f21000-	GLEN ROAD (D) (White Bros Taunton) J Thorne 5-10-4	P Dever 4
10	00000-0	ISHKOMANN (CD) (Mrs J Warren) J Spearing 5-10-4	R Linley
12	10u302-	DOBSONS CHOICE (D) (E Evans) E Evans 6-10-8	P Double
13	111-030	TANCRED WALK (D) (K Malle) C Jackson 5-10-2	J Burke
20	013111	SOME JINKS (F Jackson) W Clay 8-10-0	S J O'Neill
21	00000-0	HIGH RIDGE (B) (E Lodge) J Perrett 5-10-0	J Noland
24	00/011-	KINGS TOWN (D) (J Grogan) M Tate 7-10-0	J Bryan

1983: (2m sf) Stan's Pride 6-10-12 R Crank (8-1) G H Price 5 ran

11-4 Marshell Key, 4 Patrick's Fair, 11-2 Jupiter Express, Sone Jinks, 13-2 Tancred Walk, 7 Dobson's Choice, 10 Glen Road, 12 others.

2.45 SPORTSMANS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,505: 3m) (13)

2	23320f-	MINT STREAK (P Oliver) Mrs E Kennard 8-11-8	C Brown
3	001-6f4	FARMER (R Hawker) R Hawker 9-11-7	M Richards
5	71p4/f-	TENS OR BETTER (CD) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 10-11-4	H Davies
7	0102-11	DR PEPPER (D) (Food Brokers) P Haynes 7-11-0 (5 ex)	R Rowe
9	0/006-p	WEALTH O'WILTSHIRE (B) (M Evans) R Blakeney 8-10-11	R Linley
10	4303-21	SAFFRON'S DAUGHTER (G Clarke) D Gandolfo 8-10-9 (5 ex)	J White
11	1/0p3f1	DUSKY FOX (D) (C Hitchings) C Hitchings 8-10-9 (5 ex)	R Kington
12	0100-43	SHAMROCK BRIDGE (D) (M Clarke) R Francis 8-10-8	R Crank
13	21f-2ff	RIVER RAMBLER (BF) (J Doherty) N Henderson 7-10-7	P Croucher 4
14	4121p-2	CLONEEN KING (D) (E Noden) P Ransom 9-10-6	P Warner
17	1p030-0	CHEADLE GREEN (K Dunn) K Dunn 7-10-4	–
19	23404-4	RING-LOU (B) (P Lee) J Edwards 9-10-2	P Barton
20	p2p2p-f	FORT COURAGE (M Smale) T Hallett 9-10-2	L Bloomfield 4

1983: Cottage Rhythm 7-10-5 M Brennan (100-30) Earl Jones 8 ran

2 Dr Pepper, 7-2 Saffron's Daughter, 5 Dusky Fox, 13-2 Mint Streak, 8 Shamrock Bridge, 10 River Rambler, 12 Ring-Lou, 16 others.

3.15 FRED RIMELL MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £2,181: 2m 4f) (10)

4	0/2121-	COUNTRY AGENT (J Wilkinson) F Winter 8-10-12	J Francome
10	31100-f	FAME THE SPUR (A Hopkins) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-12	B De Haan
18	00-3ppo	GROCKLE (Mrs B Gittins) D Barons 7-10-12	C Brown
24	30f	MAGIC MOUSE (M Stephenson) J Colston 8-10-12	G Charles-Jones
28	230pmo	POOR EXCUSE (O Henley) O Henley 9-10-12	W Worthington 7
32	420001-	SQUIRE TRELAWNY (G Boyes) D Barons 7-10-12	G Newman
33	112-311	TARTAN TRADER (B) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 7-10-12	H Davies
37	1140-02	CROWECOPPER (Peter Crowe Ltd) B Preece 5-10-11	R Stronge
38	13/ff	FEROCIOUS KNIGHT (Mrs A Cheshire) J Thorne 5-1-11	P Dever
39	fuo-	FLUID (H Collins) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-11	A Sharpe

1983: No corresponding division

15-8 Tartan Trader, 9-4 Country Agent, 7-2 Fame The Spur, 7-1 Crowecopper, 10-1 Squire Trewlany, 20-1 others.

3.45 OARSMAN NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £781: 2m 4f) (21)

2	p00-10p	PALMERSTON (E Gittins) D Barons 5-11-7	C Brown
3	2342-31	SUTTON PRINCE (D) (Shaikh Ali Abu Khamsin) F Winter 6-11-7	R Linley
4	0-400	AL SANDRO (Mrs P Townley) P Pritchard 5-11-0	A Webber
7	0-0	EASTER NIGHT (M Wiles) T Forster 6-11-0	H Davis
9	0020p-0	JAUNTER (J Edwards) W Mann 4-11-0	S J O'Neill 7
15	22030-0	PACIFIST (Mrs K O'Sullivan) J Fox 4-11-0	S Mooren
18	0-4	REMEDY (M Staddon) K Bishop 4-11-0	P Richards
20	000-0	SIRRAGE (S Holmes) S Holmes 5-11-0	L Bloomfield 4
21	0	STEVASA (D Barons) D Barons 5-11-0	J Frost
23		THE SUNDAY MAN (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 4-11-0	A Sharpe
24	2-2p324	BOLD THOUGHTS (Geo H Webber Ltd) T Hallett 4-10-9	B Wright
25		CAR GEE (Mrs S Court) R Juckes 6-10-9	P Carvill
26	00	CHANNING GIRL (M Tate) M Tate 5-10-9	J Bryan
27	4-	DEEP CHAT (Mrs M Brubaker) D Gandolfo 6-10-9	S McDonald 7
29	00f00-0	FREEFALL (B) (D Chatterley) M Tate 4-10-9	R Hyett
30		FUNNY MADAM (Mrs R Blackmell) K Bishop 6-10-9	B Powell 4
31	00f0-0	GRAY ROSE-BAY (Mrs R Jones) E Owen jun 4-10-9	R Stronge
32	0	LADY SHOT (P Luff) M Oliver 5-10-9	R Dunwoody
33	00-p2f4	MADAM BUTTERFLY (P Hopkins) J Gifford 6-10-9	Peter Hobbs
34	3u0000	MARANZI (Mrs T Hassell) J Colston 6-10-9	C Smith
36	0-p	RUSTINA (B) (J Thomas) J Thomas 6-10-9	M Caswell 4

1983: Galtrim 4-10-7 Miss S Lawrence (9-4) N Gaselee 7 ran

9-4 Sutton Prince, 11-4 Pacifist, 9-2 Madam Butterfly, 13-2 Bold Thoughts, 8 Palmerston, 12 Easter Night, 16 others.

Pessimism over betting trends proves unfounded

The pessimistic forecasts of two years ago concerning betting turnover trends have proved largely unfounded, according to the 23rd annual report of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, which is published today.

The board had cash receipts of £20.4m for the year ending March 31, 1984 and expenditure amounted to £20.8m during the same period. After taking other factors into account, the board's balance fell from £3.57m to £2.74m.

Revenue from bookmakers and the Horserace Totalisator Board fell by more than £600,000 compared to 1983, but this downward trend was not as steep as had been predicted. The chairman of the Levy Board, Sir Ian Trethowan, commenting upon the report, said: "The gloomy and, as it turned out, unduly pessimistic forecasts of two years ago have given way to more optimistic reports about turnover trends.

"We are now entering a period in which the promotion of constructive dialogue between racing and bookmaking interests, continuing consideration of the Peat Marwick report, a detailed review of overall strategy and further representations to government about the evils of illegal betting will be our major priorities." Further evidence to support the view that previous forecasts were over-cautious was supplied when the Horserace Totalisator Board announced that their racecourse turnover had risen by 13.7 per cent from £18.5m to £21.1m, despite fthe loss of several major betting fixtures owing to severe weather.

Tote profits, too, were up and totalled nearly £1m for the period ending March 31, 1984, compared with £174,085 the previous year.

Fontwell Park results

GOING: Soft

1.0 (2m 2f 110yd chase) 1, KINGS SINGER (P Croucher, 7-2); 2, Pompous Prince (P Corrigan, 3-1 fav); 3, Rib Law (M Palmer, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Bird Stream (ref), 7 Sock Dennis (5th), 9 Polly Major (4th), 11 Farranastig (pu), 16 Poor Son (f), 25 Midday Welcome. 9 ran. 2½l, 12l, 4l, not recorded. B Forsey at Taunton. TOTE: £4.20, £1.70, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £4.80. CSF: £13.02.
After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood. Winner bought in for 1,150 gns.

1.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, WAR AND PEACE (R Rowell, 6-1); 2, Gold Of A Gunner (K Burke, 7-1); 3, Mighty Steel (K Burke, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 It fav Summons (6th), 12 Bad Habits (pu), 16 Tinahue Angel (pu), 33 Bold Pagan, Expeditious, Majnoon Layla (pu), Saucy Vulgan, Warily (4th), Jim's Darleen (pu), Royal Buskins (5th), Shirlstar Miss (pu). 14 ran. Nk, 7½l, 20l, 2½l, 25l. D W Mills at Heathfield. TOTE: £5.50, £1.80, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £5.60. CSF: £15.63.

2.0 (2m 2f 110 yds chase) 1, TOM TAILOR (A Webber, 7-4 fav); 2, Master Nibble (A Webb, 11-1); 3, Hopeful Answer (B Reilly, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Revolver (5th), 5 Benny's Boy (ur), 13-2 Latin Americo (4th), 25 Downpayment, 7 ran. 1¾l, 6l, 8l, 12l, 15l. R Armytage at East Ilsley. TOTE: £2.10; £1.40, £5.60. DF: £17.70. CSF: £17.58.

2.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, SOUTHERNAIR (A Webb, 9-4); 2 Hiz (J Francome, 2-1 fav); 3, Star of Screen (P Barton, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Retsel (4th), 10 Iowa (5th), 12 City Link Express (pu), 14 Fortune Cookie (6th), Linton (pu), 25 British Crown. 9 ran. 8l, 20l, 7l, 10l, 8l. P Haynes at Chichester. TOTE: £3.30; £1.20, £1.30, £3.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £7.52.

3.0 (3m 2f 110 yd chase) 1, HELLO KILLINEY (J Francome, 4-7 fav); 2, First Award (N Coleman, 14-1); 3, Kingston's Girl (R Rowell, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Ballyveragan (pu), 16 Haystacks Flyer (pu), 25 Duke William (pu), 50 Reebok (f), Monkton Rill. 8 ran. 20l, 3 nk. J Jenkins at Epsom. TOTE: £1.40; £1.10, £2.10, £1.50. DF: £5.80. CSF: £9.01.

3.30 1, BOYNE SALMON (R Rowell, 13-8); 2 Its Tough (R Dunwoody 8-13 fav); 3, Prince Felix (J Akehurst, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 25 Wordel (4th), 33 Final Word (5th), Tara's Chieftain (6th), Fleming Matilda (pu), Ulcombe (pu). 8 ran. Sh hd, 6l, 20l, not recorded. Miss L Bower at Alresford. TOTE: £3.80; £1.10, £1.10, £5.10. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.83. Placepot £1.75.

Southwell

12.45 (2m 74yds. ch) 1, GOLDEN KNOLL (G Charles-Jones 6-4); 2, Percipient (S Youlden 5-4 fav); 3, Mick's Ritual (T Woolley 7-2). ALSO RAN: 33 Jester's Night (4th), 66 Dee Park. 5 ran. 4l, nk, dist, 8l. S Mellor at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.50; £1.20, £1.10. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.65.

1.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, GOLDEN HOLLY (Mr G Harker 7-1); 2, Miss Tail (J Barlow 16-1); 3, Willepal (S Johnson 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Top Reef (5th), 13-2 Legs Of Man, 7 Looking For Gold (6th), 9 Oudesa, 14 Go Lissava (4th), 16 Inspired, 33 Maleesdy. 10 ran. ¾l, 10l, 2l, 2½l, 1½l. Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn-By-The Sea. TOTE: £7.90; £1.60, £3.20, £1.20. DF: £80.90. CSF: £93.91. After a stewards' inquiry, and objection result remained unaltered.

1.45 (3m 110yds. ch) 1, LAST DEAL (R Earnshaw 1-4 fav), 2, Dickdis (R Stronge 10-1), 3, Personality Plus (R Crank 5-1). 10l, dist. Mrs A Dickinson at Harewood. TOTE: £1.10. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.58.

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, LITTLE HARRY (S McNeill 6-4 fav); 2, Gaybelle (P Blackburn 8-1); 3, Woolooware (J Barlow 4-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Light Sentence (6th), 7 Another Special (4th) 25 Church Lad, 33 Ross Morgan (5th), Satantiler, John's Secret, Kinsborne Lad, Pamela (p/u). 11 ran. 3l, 8l, 5l, 1½l, 1½l. P Calver at Ripon. TOTE: £2.60; £1.40, £2.40, £2.30. DF: £13.20. CSF: £13.05.

2.45 (3m 110yd chase) 1, UPHAM KELLY (R Earnshaw, 10-1); 2, Welfare (J K Kinane, 5-4 fav); 3, Covent Garden (S J O'Neill, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 The Royal Comrie (4th), 12 Fennelly (p/u), Smoker (f), Poor Hal (f), 14 Cricket Wood (f), 16 Super Brat (f), 25 Arctic Mariner (ur), 33 Gonzo (6th), Ingatestone (pu). 12 ran. 10l, 6l, 4l, 30l. D Gandolfo at Wantage. TOTE: £9.40; £3.10, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £7.10. CSF: £22.80.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, QUALITAIR PRINCE (J McLaughlin, 8-1); 2, Our Monsieur (Mr M Bosley, 6-1); 3, Le Levador (A Carroll, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Holly Buoy (4th), 8 Regal Express, 10 Cashed In (6th), 14 Kilsyth (pu), Teejay, 16 Cyprus Sky, Sharp Tor (pu), Show Business, 25 Itsgottabealright (5th), April's Hero (pu), Keep Sauntering. 14 ran. 3l, nk, 4l, 8l, 2½l. M Ryan at Newmarket. TOTE: £10.00; £4.20, £3.70, £1.10. DF: £17.30. CSF: £52.84. Tricast: £240.89. Placepot: £10.76.

● Monica Dickinson will have runners at three meetings on Saturday. She saddles Ryeman (Robert Earnshaw) for the Tennents Special Handicap Chase. Prince Rowan (Graham Bradley) runs in the Limes Handicap Chase at Market Rasen, while Teenage Love (Jon Davies) and Midsummer Special (Mr Ronnie Beggan) run at Catterick.

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1.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, CHATTY CHEZ (C Grant, 6-4 fav); 2, Fairmile Gambler (S Kettlewell, 8-1); 2, Art Symphony (C McIlfatrick, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 Ab Debh, 6 Fast Current (pu), 12 Glenfield Dancer (f), 25 Blasteretta (pu). 7 ran. NR: Rebel's Fancy. 4l, dist, 15. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £2.70; £1.30, £2.70. DF: £5.20. CSF: £11.06.

1.30 (2m chase) 1, VEILED CITY (B Storey, 100-30); 2, Victory Prize (C Grant, (100-30); 3, Saint-Mann (C Pimlott, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Trollena (5th), 6 Thelma's Secret (4th), 9 Starlight Lad (6th), 25 Carouser. 7 ran. NR: Hot Pretence. 5l, 7l, 2½l, 12l, ¾l. F Storey at Carlisle. TOTE: £6.10; £2.80, £2.20. DF: £6.60. CSF: £14.38.

2.0 1, SUCCEEDED (Mr P J Dun, 3-1); 2, Hazy Glen (M Barnes, 5-4 fav); 3, Twilight (C Hawkins, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Twice Times (pu), 1 Cavity Hunter, Miss Wood (4th). 6 ran. NR: Immigrated. 15l, dist, dist. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £2.90; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £2.60. CSF: £7.01.

2.30 (2m chase) 1, SAMPSON (C Grant, 11-2); 2, Numerate (M Meagher, 4-7 fav); 3, Another Flame (Mr M Thompson, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 14 Saucepot (4th), 16 Mandella (5th), Purple Beam (6th), Victory Morn, 20 Dusty Isles (f), M Pongee. 9 ran. Nk, dist, 1½l, 1½l, 2½l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £5.50; £2.00, £1.00, £2.20. DF: £2.80. CSF: £9.65.

3.30) (2m hdle) 1, MELHAGEN (Mr T Easterby, 13-8 fav); 2, Glide Chief (Mr E McMahon, 11-4); 3, Bullom (Mr T Reed, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Night Pearl (4th), 10 Graeme's Gem (6th), Jupiter Prince (pu), 14 Starshot (5th), 25 Gold Lama, The Ridings, 33 Flower Brusa (f), Hartleap, Rampant, Soft Centre, Super Tony, Swaffham, Cresta Crossett (f), Grey Lil (f), Plain Spirit. 18 ran. 7l, 3l, 10l, 5l, 30l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. TOTE: £3.60; £1.90, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £4.00. CSF: £7.38.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, JOBROKE (A Brown, 4-6 fav); 2, On Leave (Mr T Reid, 5-1); 3, Parr-Ex (S Charlton, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Humyak House (f), 15-2 Albertat (6th), 9 Run In Tune (5th), 20 Sausolito, 25 Armenistis (4th), Valoroso. 9 ran. NR: Mount Rule. 7l, 25l, 8l, 5l, 10l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. TOTE: £1.80; £1.10, £1.20, £4.90. DF: £8.40. CSF: £5.64. Tricast: £31.53.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

STANLEY ROYD HOSPITAL FOOD POISONING OUTBREAK: COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY
Public Advertisement

The Secretary of State for Social Services has established a Committee of Inquiry, under section 84 of the National Health Service Act 1977 and section 70 of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984. The Committee, chaired by Mr Hugill QC, has the following terms of reference:
"to investigate the source of the outbreak of food poisoning at Stanley Royd Hospital in August 1984 which led to illness and death amongst patients and staff, any factors contributing to its spread, and the adequacy of measures taken to investigate, deal with, and contain the outbreak; to report and make recommendations on any action necessary to prevent a recurrence and any improvements desirable in the investigation and control of such outbreaks in the future".
The Committee will hold a preliminary meeting at which applications for representation will be heard at the Convocation Hall, Church House, Deans Yard, Westminster London SW1 on Thursday 6 December 1984 at 11.00 am.
The meeting will be open to the public. The Committee of Inquiry will then adjourn. Oral evidence will be taken at the resumed hearing in the Wakefield area at a place and time yet to be decided. Any person wishing to be represented at the hearings, or to give evidence, either orally or in writing, should contact the Secretary of the Inquiry, Mr Andrew McCulloch, at the following address:
Room 1526 Euston Tower
Department of Health and Social Security
286 Euston Road
LONDON NW1 3DN
Tel: 01 387 4398/01 388 1188
Ext 880

PASTORAL MEASURE 1983
The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft Pastoral Scheme providing for a declaration of redundancy in respect of part of the church of Saint Werburgh, Derby, being one of the two parish churches of the parish of Saint Alkmund and Saint Werburgh, Derby (Derby diocese); and a draft Redundancy Scheme providing for the appropriation of the redundant church of Clifton Saint John to use as auction sale rooms and offices (London diocese).
Copies of the draft Schemes may be obtained from the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, London, SW1P 3JZ, to whom any representations should be sent within 28 days of the publication of this Notice.

THE 2ND Annual General Meeting of the Cyriax Foundation Limited will be held on December 11, 1984, at 206 Albany Street, London, NW1 at 6.30pm.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before 3 December 1984 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to P R Copp of Messrs Stoy Hayward & Partners, 44 Baker Street, London W1M 1DH, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 12th day of November 1984.
P R Copp, FCA
Liquidator

In The Matter of C Ruston and Sons (Builders) Limited and in the matter of the Companies Act 1948. Notice is hereby given that by an order of the High Court of Justice dated 2 August 1984, Mr Nicholas Roger Bromfield Godden, Chartered Accountants, of Cork Gully, 58 Sheep Street, Northampton NN1 2NF has been appointed liquidator of the above named company.
Dated this 14 day of November 1984.
N. R. B. Godden.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity of John Hobby and others Clothworkers Foundation City of London.
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. Copies can be obtained from them at 14 Ryder Street, London, SW1Y 6AH ref: 234587-A4-L2).

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Property North of the Thames

Once notorious – but still such a desirable Mayfair address

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Further evidence, if it were needed, that the demand for high quality flats in the centre of London remains high, both for buyers and investors, comes from the interesting case of Number 22, Lees Place, in Mayfair.

It is an attractive late Victorian block tucked away between Grosvenor Square and Park Lane, in a mews of varied architecture, looking on to Shepherd's Place. When Mark Steinberg, of Marcol Developments, bought it, Number 22 had seen better days, certainly more notorious days since some of the rooms had been used as a brothel.

He had the building renovated with great care, with a spacious entrance hall overlooking a marble paved patio garden which can be seen from many of the flats. The conversion has provided 23 flats, six with one bedroom, reception room, litchen and bathroom, and the remainder being studio rooms with separate, fully-fitted kitchens and bathrooms.

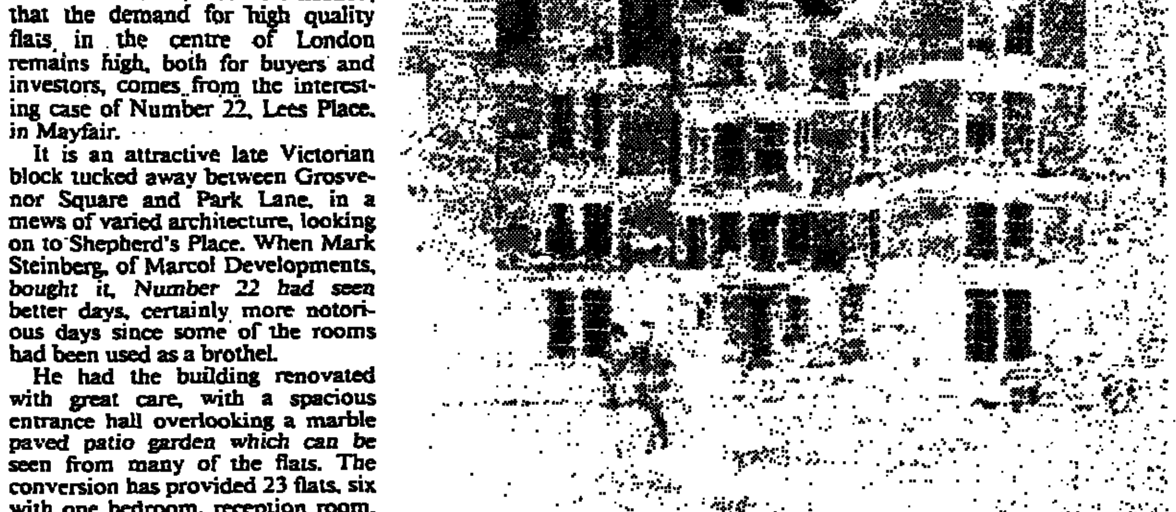
Each has independent central heating, with a video entry system and uniformed porter on duty 24 hours. The development was to be sold at £1.7m for the block as a whole, or individually, with the studio flats ranging from £49,000 to £73,000, and the one-bedroom apartments between £92,000 and £105,000.

They attracted immediate interest through Savills and Keith Cardale Groves who were marketing them, and within days several had been reserved by both companies and individual businessmen as pied-a-terres. One company intended to knock two flats into one, ruining the idea of the flats but proving their interest in the block and its location.

Yesterday, however, came the news that a Middle Eastern businessman who had been impressed by the conversion had made an offer to Marcol for the entire block and had bought it for a "substantial" price, leaving a number of disgruntled customers who thought they had bought a flat. Mr Steinberg commented happily that "quality and presentation sells property quickly".

Evidence of a different kind comes from the success of the Henderson prime redidential property fund, set up as part of the investments for the Hendersons.

Every homeowner knows that residential property can make an excellent investment and over the last few years the average value of residential property in London has consistently outperformed shares, fixed interest savings and commercial property. It is this which led to the setting up of the fund, and figures for the last two years shows that it has done just that.



The newly renovated front of 22, Lees Place, Mayfair, containing 23 flats and quickly sold to a middle-east businessman for a "substantial" sum.

The fund is managed by Hampton and Sons, who are responsible for the 44 properties at present in the portfolio, a mixture of properties at the top end of the market, including new and refurbished blocks of flats and some houses.

There is a four bedroomed modern house in Shawfield Street, Chelsea, bought in April 1983 for £165,000 and now valued (independently) at £300,000, which is let at £525 a week. Four apartments in a Grosvenor Estate development in Holbein Place, off Sloane Square, which cost £150,000, are let only to companies, at £400 a week. At Hyde Park Towers, for which Hamptons were the main selling agents when it was completed in 1979, they bought a three-bedroom flat in August for £237,000 which under the three-month valuation is now worth £265,000, and which is to be let at £375-£400 a week.

The most expensive of the fund's properties is a house in Chesterfield Hill, Mayfair, for which the rent is £800 a week. Hamptons point out that the return on the rentals is 4.5-7 per cent, but the capital appreciation gives the investment its great value.

Across the park from Mayfair is Westminster, where property prices had been steadily rising throughout the year. Hathaways is one of a small number of estate agents specializing in the Westminster area and insists that it is not too late to jump on to the Westminster band wagon and buy at a reasonable price.

They have on their books studio flats from £25,000, and can offer large unmodernized six-room flats in Carlisle Place at under £80,000 or a spacious and fully modernized three-bedroom flat in Ashley Gardens for £80,000.

The majority of residential properties in Westminster are mansion flats, which many people dismiss as a possible choice because they assume that the service charges are prohibitive. Karen Tasker at Hathaways admits that there are one or two blocks with service charges over £2,000 but says that most are fair and realistic.

At Buckingham Court, a block at the junction of Buckingham Gate and Petty France which was modernized two years ago, they are offering a one-bedroom flat with reception room, kitchen and bathroom for £52,000 (service charge about £700 including heating and hot water) and a two-bedroom flat with reception room and kitchen/breakfast room for £75,000 (£1,100 service charge).

Vandon Court in Petty France is a 1930s built block, where Hathaways have a studio flat at £28,950 (service charge £240 a quarter) and a one bedroom flat for £32,000 with a service charge of £1,322.

It is not that Westminster is cheap, merely that it is less expensive than its neighbours.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Picture of a place on Deeside

Countess Tarnowska, daughter of the late Lord Astor of Hever, is selling her house near Aboyne, Deeside, Aberdeenshire, to move to the south of England. The property, Kirklands of Coull, is a listed former manse set in about six acres of grounds and paddock, has three reception rooms, six bedrooms and three bathrooms, with a large sun room and nursery. Savills Edinburgh office are asking for offers over £115,000.

Countess Tarnowska, a portrait photographer working under the name Bridget Astor, is also a writer, and has recently published her first children's book **Darlington Dennis**, a true story of a beach pony she rescued from a knackers's yard and which became a champion.

Frencham Court, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey, a Queen Anne house set in over two acres, is for sale through Weller Eggar's Farnham office, which is asking for offers around £200,000. Frencham Court is the original part of the main house in the Frencham Vale estate, which was split up five years ago.

Ancient vicarage

Embleton Tower, at the coastal village of Embleton in Northumberland, dates back to the early fourteenth century, becoming a vicarage in 1332 and remaining in ecclesiastical occupation for more than 600 years.

The stone-built country house with its ancient tower is thought to have been damaged when the Scots army laid waste to Embleton in 1385, because the sum of £2 6s 5d was spent in repairs. since then it has been steadily improved, the main part dating from 1828.

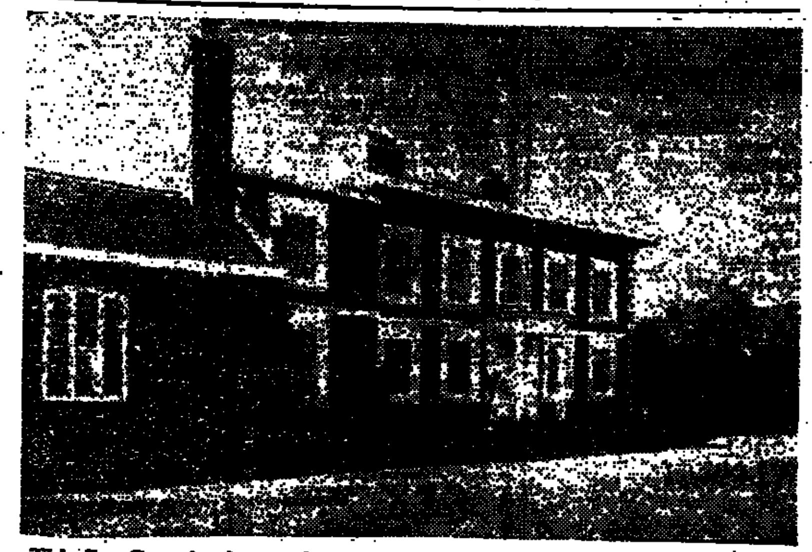
Since 1978 both ancient and modern wings have been restored, and the house, with six bedrooms and grounds of nearly seven acresis for sale through the Corbridge office of Smiths Gore, seeking offers around £79,000.

Millfield Cottage, a Grade II listed seventeenth century house in Millfield Lane, Highgate, in need of modernization, is on offer around 750,000 through Hampton and Sons, Hampstead office. The property once housed employees of the Society of Hampstead Aqueducts formed in 1683 by William Peterson, a founder of the Bank of England, to supply the City with water.

Press your own

Little Oak, Mersham, near Ashford, Kent, is a whitened ragstone and brick house dating from the fifteenth century which has in its garden a small vineyard capable of producing about 1,500 bottles in a season.

The vineyared produces a Muller Thurgau wine under the Little Oak Vineyard label. The property has a guide price of £108,000 through Strutt and Parker's Canterbury office.



This fine Georgian house, Gladsmuir, at Monken Hadley, Hadley Common, Hertfordshire, overlooks Hadley Common on one side while its garden faces south towards London 12 miles away. The house has been carefully restored recently, particularly the panelling and cornices. Gladsmuir has a reception hall, three reception rooms, a panelled study, seven bedrooms and three bathrooms, with outbuildings including a two-bedroomed staff cottage and eight acres of gardens. It has literary connexions, for W. H. Thackeray, grandfather of the novelist, and Mrs Emily Trollope (Anthony Trollope's sister) lived there, and more recently it was the home of Kingsley Amis and Elizabeth Jane Howard. Gladsmuir is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley, who are asking for offers above £1.2m.

Scared of being a landlord

An Englishman's home is his castle. We all know that. But there is no moat, literally or metaphorically, round it, as Sir Donald Tebbit, director general of the British Property Federation, pointed out in this year's Hamptons lecture organized by the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers.

Against the traditional notion that nobody can enter an Englishman's home without the invitation of the owner, he asserted that some 70 categories of officials had a statutory right of entry upon the property of a man's home for certain defined purposes.

"These include VAT inspectors, Customs and Excise office, District Valuers, Rating Officers and even public utility officials and road engineers. That is by no means as bad as the terrifying knock of the secret police in some countries, but it is enough to make one think," he said.

It was an example of this theme in the lecture – Reality and Unreality in Real Estate – and he went on to argue that both the community and the Government failed to respect the intrinsic properties of property.

The private rented sector, he said, had been left to dwindle while the Conservative Party looked for votes from swelling the ranks of owner-occupiers and the Labour party hoped for the gratitude of those provided with municipal housing.

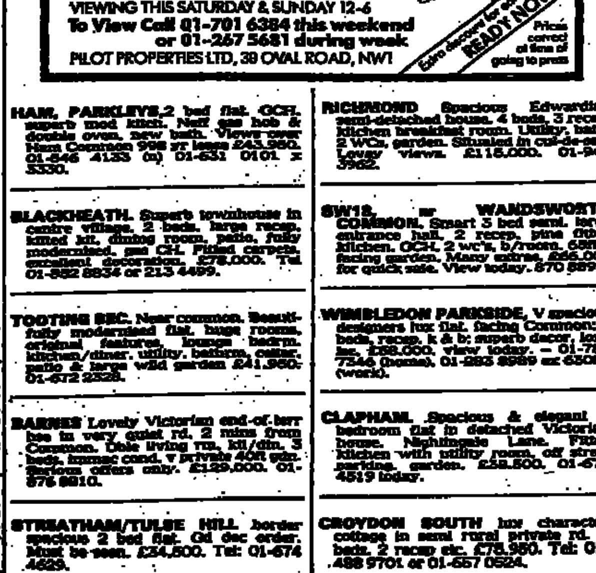
"A healthy private rented sector is still required. Yet, whereas it accounted for 90 per cent of the housing stock in 1913, it has fallen to below 10 per cent today. Nothing effective has been done to revive it."

Every housing act since 1913 has set out to alleviate a housing shortage but only succeeding in making it worse. The housing acts achieved this by making the landlord's position more and more intolerable: now private landlords have become an endangered species. "They have been so single minded in their determination to protect the tenant at the expense of the landlord, that they have dried up the supply of rented homes," said Sir Donald.

In his controversial assessment, Sir Donald said: "The cause of the housing shortage is clear: fear of being a landlord. The remedy is also clear: to remove that fear." But political parties were not prepared to support the proposition that a free market in rented houses must return.

Yet it was the one mechanism which could in fairly short order ensure a plentiful supply of homes and the tenant's protection would be that he would always have a choice. "If the Government wants houses built for rent, it should not withdraw incentives offered for that purpose. If it wants landlords to remain in business, it should not deprive them of the true rental or sale value of their property," Sir Donald concluded.

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BIRTHS

ATKINSON – On November 15 in Washington DC, USA, to Mary (née Robertson) and Edwin, a daughter.

BOOTH – On November 19 at St George's Hospital, SW17, to Isobel (née Whitehead) and William, a daughter, Frances.

BOOTH – On November 14th, at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, to Pamela (née Griffin) & Rupert, a son, Roland Christian.

BRIAN – On Thursday 8 November, at home in London, to Caroline (née Ashley Cooper) and Keith, a son, Henry Charles Sebastian.

CATTELL – On November the 20th in Sydney to Elizabeth (née Clare-Hunt) and Adam, a son (Sam).

FOX. – On November 18th at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Sara (née Lock) and Peter, a daughter, Daisy Helen.

FRENCH – On 20th November to Nicola (née McNaught) and Matthew, a daughter (Annis Evelyn).

HATCH. – On November 20th at Royal Berks Hospital, to Rosemary (née Church) and David – a son (Robert Aidan).

JOHNSON – On November 14th at St Peters, Chertsey to Vivien (née Hedges) and Johnny, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Kate.

MACAUSLAN. – On November 13th to Marion and David – a daughter (Rose Sarah).

NEVES. – On November 14th to Gail and Simon, a son, Alexander.

PARKER. – On Saturday, 17th November, at the Louie Margaret Hospital to Julie (née Younge) and Michael, a daughter, Colette Louise, a sister for Patrick.

PEARSON – On November 13 to Susie (née Jump) and John, a son, Henry John.

PHILLIPS – On November 16, to Claude (née Smith) and Roland, a son, a brother for John and Laura.

STERGAR. – On November 18 at Kingston Upon Thames to Catherine (nee Taylor) and Frank – a first son (Daniel Francis).

TATE. – On November 18th at Poole General Hospital, to Penelope (née Tidbury) and Jeremy – a daughter.

TATE – On November 17, to Mary (née Davies) and John, of Richmond, Surrey, a son, John.

THAVENOT – On November 20th, at Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Alex & David, a daughter, Clementina Jane, a sister for Xan, Matty & William.

WARE – On November 20th at West London Hospital to Gillian (née Walkling) and Graham Ware, a son, a brother for Nicholas and Marian.

DEATHS

ALLEN – On November 17th, tragically, Tom, aged 17 years of Sprucecroft, Upper Basildon, Berks. Beloved son of Maurice and Jane and dear brother of Sue and Kate. Funeral service at Pangbourne College Chapel, on Friday, November 23rd, at 3pm. Flowers welcome, but preferably, donations to Pangbourne College Chapel Fund.

BAIRD. – On November 16, Constance Leah, beloved wife of Andrew. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to League of Friends, Royal East Sussex Hospital, c/o Mummery F. D. 31 Devonshire Rd, Bexhill on Sea. 0424 210418.

BAISS. – Suddenly on November 17th, 1984, at Treslthick, St Erme, in his 76th year, James Archibald (Jimmy), beloved husband of Anne (Muz) and much loved father of Virginia Newton and grandmother of Marcus, Benedict and Caspar, and remembered with great affection by the Keeler and Nichols families. Funeral service at St Erme Parish Church on Friday, November 23rd at 2.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if so desired for The Arthritis & Rheumatism Council, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR.

BARDSLEY, ROSIE. – Very peacefully at St Mary's House, Tormarton, on November 17th. Funeral at Badminton Church, Thursday, November 22nd at 3 pm. Interment private.

BOURNE. – On November 19th very peacefully John Addley, Liveryman of the Goldsmiths' Company, lifelong servant of Hancocks & Co, beloved husband of Marjorie, devoted father of Barbara and Angela and deeply loving grandfather. Funeral at Christ Church, Sutton on Friday November 23rd, at 12.30pm.

BOWEN, IVOR, C.M.G. – Peacefully at Orpington Hospital, on November 8, aged 82, of leukaemia. A family thanksgiving service was held on November 15 at St Michael The Archangel, Warfield, for a devoted husband, father and grandfather. At his request no memorial service, but thankfully acknowledging the joy and interest given to him throughout his life by friends and colleagues.

BOWEN – Ian, professor of economics, fellow of All Souls, suddenly, on Nov. 20th at his home in Andorra, aged 75.

BRADDELL – On November 18, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Thomas Lyndhurst, aged 76, much loved husband of Jacqueline (née Fournier) and dear father of John and Sara. Private Cremation at his request. Donations, if desired, to: The British Heart Foundation.

CANNING – On Sunday, 18th November, 1984, Group Captain Philip Canning, C.B.E., R.A.F. (ret'd), of Clontarf Newton Place, Lee-on-the-Solent. Husband of the late Ruth Canning, and much loved father and grandfather. Service at Porchester Crematorium, Hants, on Friday, 23rd November, at 2pm. No flowers please, but if desired donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London.

CHISLETT. – On November 17, peacefully at home, 11 Woodstock Close, Oxford, William Arthur, beloved husband of Muriel and dear father of William and Simon and Grandpa of Tomas and Benjamin; private cremation, no flowers, please.

CLARK – On November 18th, 1984, Robert Edward, of 29 Almond Grove, Bar Hill, Cambridge, aged 77 years.

COSTELLO – On November 17th peacefully at home in London, after a long illness courageously borne, Pam, widow of Howard and dearly loved mother (and good companion) of Tim. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Ditchingham, Norfolk on Friday November 23rd at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to V Cossey, 12 Chaucer Street, Bungay, Suffolk.

DEACON – On November 16th, 1984 in hospital, George Edward Raven, aged 78 years of Milford. Funeral service at St John's Church, Milford on Friday, November 23rd at 2.30pm, followed by burial in Milford Cemetery. A memorial service will be announced later.

de LISLE NICHOLS – Catherine Lilian (née Grantham), on Sunday, November 18th, peacefully at home at Wormley, Surrey. Beloved wife of John and mother of Helen, Mary, John and Lawrence, grandmother to Jeremy.

ELDERSON. – Peacefully, in her sleep, aged 85, at her home, Fairley, St Johns, Woking, (née Wolley Wilfen) Beatrice Maud. Beloved mother of Margaret and John. Cremation at Woking, on Friday 23rd, at 1.30.

ELLIS, ROY CHARLES. – Suddenly on November 17. Beloved son of Mary and the late Charles, brother of Neil and William. Thanksgiving service St Hilda's Church, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex, 10.15 am, November 23. Cremation Hanworth Crematorium, 11.00 am. Family flowers to Lodge Brothers, Clarendon Road, Ashford, or if desired donation to the British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London.

FEAST – On November 18th in St Michaels Hospital, Rev Willis Mansfield Feast, late of Booton, Norfolk, loving father of Barbara, Margaret, Elisabeth and Robert.

FORD. – William Lyall, Professor of Immunology at Manchester University, on Sunday 18th November, 1984, tragically in a car accident in Australia. Beloved husband of Birte and father of Anna, Karen and Robin.

GARNSTON. – On November 19th, 1984, at the General Hospital, Jersey, CI. Edward George Garnston, loving husband of Nancy and dear Dad of Bob and Andy. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be sent to the Jersey Deaf Children's Society c/o Mrs P. Moignard, Hon Treasurer, 3 Tower View, Mazdant, St Saviour, Jersey, CI.

GARWOOD-SCOTT. – On 18th November 1984, at Pembury Hospital, Kent, Ruth Garwood-Scott, OBE, formerly headmistress of the Lady Eleanor Hollies School. Beloved sister of the late Naomi and greatly loved sister of Elizabeth. Aunt of Stuart and Graham. Funeral service on Monday 26th November, 1984, at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Tonbridge, Kent, at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to The Children's Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington, London, SE11 4QD.

GRAHAM. – On November 16th, 1984, James, formerly professor of chemistry at the University of Ghana. Funeral service at St Thomas-on-the-Bourne Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Friday, November 23rd, at 2pm. Flowers and enquiries to H. C. Patrick & Co, Farnham (0252) 714884.

GWYNNE – On November 20th, peacefully at home, Robert ("Bobie"), late of the Royal Opera House, aged 83 years. Beloved husband of Olga. Much loved father of Michael and Nicholas and grandfather of Simon and James. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, November 27th, 2pm. Flowers to Lodge Bros, Clarendon Road, Ashford, Middlesex, or donations if preferred to Musicians Benevolent Fund.

DEATHS

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... Tuesday November 27th at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3.

MILLARD. – Peacefully on Friday, 16th November, 1984, in hospital, Bridget Veronica. Private family funeral. No flowers by request of daughter. Donations to cancer research, Charing Cross Hospital, W6.

MITCHELL – Graham Russell, on 19th November, peacefully at home in his 80th year. Much loved husband of Pat and father of Miranda and Charles. Private cremation.

MITRANY. – On November 17th, peacefully at home, Ena Victoria Mitrany in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Professor David Mitrany. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel, Friday, November 23rd, 1984 at 1.20 pm. Inquiries please to R. P. Sherry & Son. 723 0425.

PARKER. – On November 15th, 1984 suddenly, Keith Frederick Parker, aged 62 years. Husband of Rachel and Principal of the Carroll School, Gunterstone Rd, West Kensington. Funeral service at Emmanuel Church, Fortune Green Rd, NW6 on Monday November 26th at 11am. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3.

RICKARDS. – On November 18th, suddenly at his home in Wokingham, Arthur John, aged 72, lately asst. master at Ludgrove. Younger son of the late Mr & Mrs A. W. Rickards of Peasmarsh, Sussex. Husband of Elizabeth. Family flowers only please. Funeral service at All Saints, Woldingham, Friday, November 23rd at 11.45 am. Cremation private.

SCORRER. – On October 20th, 1984, in hospital, Miss Aileen Mona Scorrer, CBE, in her 80th year, of Chislehurst, Kent, daughter of the late G H Scorrer and the late Mina Scorrer. Educated at Huyton College, Liverpool, 1st headmistress of Sidcup & Chislehurst Commercial School for Girls (The Coopers School) also of Bullers Wood School for Girls between 1939-1948. Chief Inspector of the Child Department of the Home Office 1950-1965.

SCOTT – On Monday, November 19th, 1984, at her home in Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey, Victoria Maggie, in her 99th year, last surviving daughter of the late Sir Robert Hamilton and Lady Lang. Funeral at St Martins, Lower Bourne, 1.45pm, on Thursday, 22nd November. Cremation private. No flowers by request, donations to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham, Surrey, if desired.

SMITHER – On November 15th, suddenly in Portimao, Algarve, Doctor Walter John, aged 73 years. Much loved husband of Doreen and father of Michael, Mary and Ross. He will be sorely missed by all the family, step-children and grandchildren. Service at 11.30am, on Friday 23rd November, at St. Margarets Church, Isfield, near Uckfield, Sussex, followed by private cremation, family flowers only please. Donations if desired, for the British Heart Foundation, 33 High Street, Ticehurst, Wadhurst, Sussex.

THOMPSON, ARTHUR. In Harrow on 18th November 1984. Born in Hoxton 23rd October 1905. "A true Londoner", remembered with love by his family and with undying gratitude by his children Keith Thompson and Edna Tongue.

VINCENT, KENNETH PAUL (Ken), of Crosswinds, 91 High Street, Guilden Morden, Royston, Herts. Husband of Carol, suddenly on Friday, 16th November. Service will be held at Guilden Morden Parish Church on Friday, 23rd November, 1984, at 1pm. All who would like to attend are welcome. All inquiries please tel: Steeple Morden (0763) 852906. Flowers may be sent to A. T. Wright, Funeral Directors, Steeple Morden.

WANNER-FRANCIS, Pauline Mary Hamilton, suddenly and with great sadness, in Adliswil, Switzerland on Sunday 11 November 1984 at the age of 74 years.

WREN. – On 12th November, 1984, suddenly in his 76th year, Marcus Russell (Tony), dearly loved father of Peter and Penny. Cremation at Putney Vale on Wednesday, 28th November, at 2.30pm. Enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd. Tel. 229 3810.

WYSARD – On Saturday, 17th November, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, after a courageous fight, Antony, beloved husband of Ruth and dear father of James. Funeral to be held at St. James Church, Pangbourne, on Saturday, November 24th, at 2.30pm, followed by private Cremation. Flowers c/o Cyril H. Lovegrove, 114/116 Oxford Road, Reading, Berks. Tel: Reading 52016.

IN MEMORIAM

FORBES-JAMES, DAVID LESLIE.–On this your anniversary, November 21, 1976. So sadly missed. Deo Optimo Maximo.

GRANT WATSON – Herbert Adolphus Grant Watson, CMG, HM Diplomatic Service, 21st November 1971. My adored and deeply loved Bertie. So gentle and so wise. Katherine.

THE LORD OF TRIESTE d. 1916. "We shall not see his like again."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANDERSON, WILLIAM KIRTLEY ANDERSON otherwise WILLIAM KAYE ANDERSON late of Iveson House Aged Persons Home, Iveson Rise, Leeds 16, West Yorkshire died there on 12 May 1984. (Estate about £70,000.)
CURTIS, EDWARD CECIL CURTIS late of 25 Waverley Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hants, died there on 2 June 1984 (Estate about £140,000).
STANTON PATRICK STANTON late of 2 Russell Pickering House, Clapham Road, Clapham, London SW9 died at Denmark Hill, London SE5 on 17th October 1983. (Estate about £8,400.)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE AGED 13¾
Music & lyrics by KEN HOWARD & ALAN BLAIKLEY

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CINEMAS

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. The Tavianis' KAOS (15). Sep perfs: Wkdys 2.30, 7.25. Suns 3.40, 7.25.

ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Satyajit Ray's THE HOME AND THE WORLD (U). Daily at 3.10, 5.45, 8.25.

ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Marcel Carne's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG). Film: 4.10, 7.30.

BARBICAN CINEMA. 01-628 8795. Student reducts on all perfs. WOODY ALLEN SEASON Today 6.00 STARDUST MEMORIES (15), 8.00 BROADWAY DANNY ROSE (PG).

CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (nearest Tube Camden Town) Eric Rohmer's FULL MOON IN PARIS (15). Film at 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.50.

CHELSEA CINEMA 351 3742 Kings Road (Nearest Tube Sloane Sq). ERIC ROHMER'S FULL MOON IN PARIS (15). Film at 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.50. Advance Booking for 6.30, 8.50 Perfs only. Access/Visa.

CURZON, Curzon St, W1. 499 3737. Christopher Reeve, Vanessa Redgrave in The Merchant Ivory Production of THE BOSTONIANS (PG) "Superbly made and acted" D Tel. Film at 1.15 (not Sun), 3.30, 6.00 & 8.40.

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MINEMA KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225. Peter Ustinov - Herbert Lom "MEMED MY HAWK" (15) Daily: 3.0, 5.0, 7.0, 9.0.

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SCREEN ON BAKER ST. Tel: 935 2772. (1) Helen Mirren best actress, Cannes Festival CAL (15) 2.20, 4.30, 6.45, 9.00. (2) Nicolas Roeg's masterpiece EUREKA (18). 3.10, 6.10, 8.45. Fri/Sat 11.15. Lic bar. Seat bookable.

SCREEN ON ISLINGTON GREEN. 226 3520. Australian Award Winner. Strikebound (PG) 2.30, 4.35, 7.00, 9.00. Angel Tube.

SCREEN ON THE HILL 435 3366. John Sayles BABY IT'S YOU (15) 2.10, 4.25, 7.00, 9.00. Fri/Sat 11.15. Lic bar. Seats bookable. Belsize Park Tube.

THE ELECTRIC SCREEN, 229 3694. (Notting Hill/Ladbroke Grove Tube) John Sayle's BABY IT'S YOU (15). 2.10, 4.25, 7.00, 9.00.

EXHIBITIONS

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM GARDEN at South Kensington. EXHIBIT: an adventure in information Technology, sponsored by IBM United Kingdom. Open until December 2. Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm. Sunday 2.30pm-6pm. ADMISSION FREE.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**

6.30 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Plus Mike Smith with the new Top Twenty.

9.00 **Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga.** Lesson seven: the Lion and Jawlift (r). 9.10 **The Yugoslav Way.** The final programme in the series about Yugoslavia in 1976 (r). 9.40 **Ceefax.** 10.30 **Play School,** presented by Liz Watts (r).

10.50 **Gharbar.** A magazine programme for Asian women. Shaheen Nawab discusses with three successful businesswomen the mechanics of running profitable enterprises. 11.15 **Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Michael Fish. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** Prue Leith continues her good looking cooking course and there is music from the Band of the Royal Marines. 1.45 **Gran** (r). 1.50 **Stop-Go!** (r). 2.00 **Blizzard's Wonderful Wooden Toys** (r).

…25 **Film: Sky Giant*** (1938) starring Joan Fontaine, Richard Dix and Chester Morris. Two airline pilots vie for the hand of a beautiful woman. Who will she choose? Directed by Lew Landers. 3.48 Regional news (not London).

…50 **Play School,** presented by Sheelagh Gilbey. 4.10 **Bananaman.** 4.15 **Jackanory.** Brian Cant reads part three of Handles, by Jan Mark. 4.30 **Godzilla.** 4.50 **John Craven's Newsround.**

…00 ***The Box of Delights.*** Part one of a six-episode dramatization of John Masefield's novel starring Devin Stanfield and Robert Stephens (Ceefax) (see Choice).

…30 **The Good Life.** Comedy series starring Richard Briers and Felicity Kendall as the self-sufficients of Surbiton (r). 5.58 Weather.

…00 **News** with Nicholas Wichell and Jeremy Paxman.

…30 **London Plus.**

…55 **I've Got a Secret.** Barry Cryer, Chris Kelly, Anneka Rice and Bettine Le Beau try to discover secrets held by guests who include Jess Conrad.

…0 **Sharon and Elsie.** Comedy series starring Brigit Forsyth and Janette Beverley (r).

…0 **Dallas.** As Bobby fights for his life in hospital evidence emerges that the killer might strike again – which may be bad news for J.R. (Ceefax).

…5 **Points of View.** Barry Took takes another dip into the BBC's postbag.

…0 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Conservative Party.

…5 **News** with Julia Somerville.

…0 **In At the Deep End.** Paul Heiney enters the world of fashion design when he takes a course at St Martin's School of Art. He has to design a ball gown, a garden party dress and a town suit for top model Michelle Paradise to wear at a gala fashion show at the Guildhall (Ceefax) (see Choice).

…0 **Sportsnight.** Highlights from one of tonight's Milk Cup football games plus a preview of the Sibson/Kaylor fight.

…3 **News headlines.**

…5 **We Got It Made.** American-made comedy series.

…0 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.25 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by Nanette Newman and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video at 7.54; star romance at 8.15; Eve Pollard's gossip column from the United States at 8.34; actor Charles Tingwell remembers at 8.47; Roddy Llewellyn's gardening advice at 9.06.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news headlines.** 9.30 **For Schools:** designing for mass production; 9.47 House design and energy conservation; 10.04 Chemistry: thermometric titrations; 10.21 'Minder' and its audience; 10.48 The weather balance in contrasting river catchments; 11.10 A day in the life of a butcher; 11.22 Paddling in a model canoe. 11.30 The suffragettes' cause.

12.00 **Rod, Jane and Freddy** with a musical story about garden gnomes. 12.10 **Our Backyard.** Peter decides to tidy the tool shed. 12.30 **The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Second World War.

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 **Thames news** from Robin Houston. 1.30 **A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback.

2.30 **Farmhouse Kitchen.** Grace Mulligan with mouthwatering suggestions for breakfast. 3.00 **Take The High Road.** Drama on the Scottish highland estate of Glendarroch. 3.25 **Thames news headlines.** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Rod, Jane and Freddy.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 **Wil Cwac Cwac.** The first of a new series of cartoons about a naughty duck. 4.20 **Chish 'n' Fips.** Adventures of two garden gnomes 4.45 **Murphy's Mob.** Serial about a football club 5.15 **Blockbusters.** Quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.

5.45 **News** 6.00 **Thames news** with Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins.

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with two-and-a-half year old Jessica who attends the Cheyne Hospital for Handicapped Children and is in desperate need of adoption.

6.35 **Crossroads.**

7.00 **Name That Tune.** Fast moving musical quiz presented by Lionel Blair.

7.30 **Coronation Street.**

8.00 **This is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews, armed with his big red book, emotionally hijacks another worthy.

8.30 **Mike Yarwood in Persons.** Music and comic impersonations from the talented entertainer.

9.00 **Travelling Man.** Lomax, with a positive clue to the whereabouts of his missing son, goes to a remote Welsh village where strangers are treated with hostility – especially when a child is reported missing (Oracle).

10.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Conservative Party.

10.05 **News** followed by Thames news headlines.

10.35 **28 Up.** The last documentary in the series devoted to a group of people who were the subject of an earlier documentary, 21 years ago, when they were aged seven (Oracle).

12.05 **Electric Theatre Show.** Arts and cinema magazine programme presented by John Doran.

12.35 **Night Thoughts.**

Patrick Troughton: Box of Delights (BBC 1, 5.00 pm)

CHOICE

● Despite its time slot, (BBC1, 5.00pm), there is nothing in Alan Seymour's adaptation of John Masefield's **THE BOX OF DELIGHTS** that proclaims it to be a serial designed to respect the norm in children's television programming. Much cash has been spent on it, much care lavished on it; and it is sinister enough, and charming enough, and well-cast enough, to appeal as much to the fastidious grown-up as to the youngster. String the six episodes together and you have a full-length movie that could surround our cinemas with the same Christmas queues that annually pour millions into the Disney coffers. It was a stroke of near-genius on the BBC's part so to organize things that the final episode of *The Box of Delights* should be screened on Christmas Eve. I have very few reservations about Paul Stone's production, and most of them are to do with the animated cartoon sequences. Except for a marvellous moment when Patrick Troughton's Punch and Judy Man steps out of the parlour and into a living picture of Swiss mountains, the cartoon work struck me as crude and derivative.

● **FASHION DESIGNER** (BBC1, 9.30pm), is this week's *In at the Deep End* adventure. It tells how the tiro Paul Heiney dips his toe into the exclusive waters of *haute couture*, recklessly dives in, and manages to keep his head above water despite the elegant whirlpools that would suck down a lesser mortal. His basic training as a dress designer could not be more basic: first, draw an egg. Having got a woman's head down on paper, Mr Heiney has just six months to create the clothes that will adorn the rest of her at a posh London gala and in front of a royal VIP. The result: an object lesson for the fainthearted of this world.

● **Best on radio:** Handelian occasions come in all shapes and sizes, but you would be hard put to come up with a more spectacular one that tonight's, at the Royal Albert Hall (Radio 3, 7.55) as vast orchestral and choral forces combine for the **ROYAL CONCERT** in a programme that is Handel from top to bottom. . . . **KALEIDOSCOPE** (Radio 4, 9.45pm) examines the quicksilver talent of Alan Ayckbourn and has a powerful team of witnesses including Penelope Keith, Sir Peter Hall and Richard Briers.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**

9.10 **Daytime on Two:** the latest technology in pressworking. 9.38 Science: hearing. 10.00 You and me. 10.15 Maths: co-ordinates. 10.38 Maths: probability. 11.00 Words and pictures. 11.17 Preparing for a pantomime. 11.39 Tobacco and the money it makes for the Exchequer. 12.05 The Russian language and Russians.

12.30 For parents of children with a mental handicap. 12.55 For learner drivers whose second language is English. 1.21 French conversation. 1.38 The power of water. 2.00 A visit to a sorting office. 2.18 A Japanese farm. 2.40 Navigational aids in modern ships (Ceefax).

3.00 **Spirits of an Amber Past.** Lithuanian folk art of Antanas and Anastasia Tamosaitis, new resident in Canada (r).

3.20 **The Shogun Inheritance.** The final programme of the series about Japan and the legacy of the Samurai (r).

4.00 **Film: Sealed Cargo*** (1951) starring Dana Andrews, Carla Balenda and Claude Rains. The first showing on British television for this Second World War drama about a fishing boat that assists a stranded schooner, presumably shelled by the German Navy, that isn't what is seems. Directed by Alfred Werker.

5.25 **News** summary with subtitles.

5.30 **Willo the Wisp** (r).

5.35 **Fast Forward.** Music and comedy for children.

6.00 **The High Chaparral.** John Cannon's wife feels lonely. Her husband seems preoccupied with the memory of his first wife and attending to the marauding Apache (r).

6.50 **The Phil Silvers Show*** Sergeant Bilko and his cohorts buy a broken down jade they think they can nurse into a champion racehorse (r).

7.15 **Ebony** includes an exhibition mounted by the Black Cultural Archives group.

7.45 **My Music.** Frank Muir and John Amis are challenged to a test of musical knowledge by Denis Norden and Ian Wallace.

8.10 **Bookmark,** presented by Ian Hamilton. Among the items in this month's edition of the world of literature series is Caryl Phillips interviewing James Baldwin.

9.00 **Oxbridge Blues.** A successful wine merchant and his interior designer wife comes to the aid of their friend Tory when her husband walks out on her. Starring John Bird and Joanna Lumley.

9.45 **The Fureys and Davey Arthur** in concert (r).

10.15 **Out of Court.** Law and order magazine programme.

10.45 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Conservative Party.

10.50 **Newsnight.**

11.35 **Buongiorno Italia!** Lesson eight of the Italian conversation course. Ends at 12.05.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Film: Action for Slander*** (1937) starring Clive Brook and Ann Todd. Drama about a man who is accused of cheating at cards but is reluctant to bring his slanderer to court because it would mean involving his mistress. Directed by Tim Whelan.

4.00 **A Plus 4.** A mixture of discussion, music and an interview, presented by Mavis Nicholson.

4.30 **Countdown.** June Madell from Sittingbourne challenges yesterday's winner.

5.00 **Alice.** It is the day before Thanksgiving and Mel buys, sight unseen, eight turkeys for a bargain five dollars each. They turn out to be live, stolen property – and free, when Beth lets them walk out the door.

5.30 ***The Mary Tyler Moore Show.*** The wonderful Nancy Walker as Mrs Morgenstern makes an appearance when she arrives at daughter Rhoda's with the intention of burying the hatchet and bridging the generation gap.

6.00 **Silents Please.** A condensation of The Eagle, the silent film starring Rudolph Valentino, made in 1925.

6.30 **The Living Body.** Part 10 of the series examining the inner workings of the human body deals with the subject of movement.

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.50 **Comment.** The political slot this week is taken by the Conservative MP for Richmond and Barnes, Jeremy Hanley.

8.00 **Scotland's Story.** The 21st part of the series on Scotland and the Scots covers the period from 1888 to 1918 which saw the emergence of Scottish socialism under the leadership of Keir Hardie.

8.30 **Diverse Reports.** Reporter Christopher Hird presents unpublished evidence commissioned by one of the government's own departments which doubts the wisdom of a crucial tenet of Mrs Thatcher's economic policy. With Professor Frank Wilkinson of Cambridge University's department of Applied Economics, the author of the report.

9.00 **The Mabinogi.** Four tales from the masterpiece of Celtic literature that blends folk tales and myth with the stories of the wars of the ancient British kindoms. Filmed in the open-air setting of Caernafon Castle, introduced by Sian Phillips, with a cast of more than 50.

11.00 **Visions.** Family Business – a specially commissioned short film by Chantal Akerman about confusions and misunderstandings. Plus a review of the film festivals organised in Italy; Christopher Petit's views of the new film releases, exclusive clips from Clint Eastwood's film Tightrope; and a tribute to film historian Ivor Montagu who died recently.

12.00 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † denotes stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.25 Prayer for the day.

6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with studio guest including actress Diana Quick.

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' questions.

10.30 Morning story: 'Above the World' by Ramsey Campbell. Read by Sean Barrett.

10.45 Daily Service (NEM, page 42).†

11.00 News; Travel; A Dangerous Talent. Richard Burton. Paul Vaughan celebrates the actor's career with friends, colleagues and critics (first heard in Kaleidoscope on Radio 4) (r).

11.48 Mighty Myths. Derek Robinson challenges some beliefs we take for granted 7: A Night to Mis-Remember?

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs.

12.27 No Place to Hide by Ted Allbeury. Abridged in eight parts (7). 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with Sir Charles Troughton, the retiring Chairman of the British Council. And Helen Ryan reads part one of E. M. Forster's A Room with a View.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: Echoes from the Abbey, by Sheila Hodgson. With David March. Ghost story (adapted from M. R. James) about a pupil forced to stay at a school over the Christmas holidays. He hears night voices in the abbey ruins near by.†

3.47 Time for Verse. A series of six programmes (2) Nursery Rhymes.

4.00 News; File on 4: India After Indira. Reports from Delhi and the Indian states on the union's chances of holding together after the assassination of Mrs Gandhi (r).

4.40 Story Time: 'Let The People Sing' by J. B. Priestley. (13) Read by Enn Reitel. Final episode.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 Top of the Form. Second Round. (11) London v Wales.

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Checkpoint. Listeners' cases of unfair dealings and injustice. With Roger Cook.

7.45 The Reith Lectures 1984. 'Minds, Brains and Science' – six talks by Professor John Searle. (3): Grandmother Knew Best.

8.15 In Business. The 26th International Packaging Exhibition in Paris.

8.45 Analysis: Paying the Piper. Other ways of financing the BBC.

9.30 A Talent to Amuse. The life and Music of Noel Coward. (10) Noel on Travel. With Sheridan Morley.

9.45 Kaleidoscope: Alan Ayckbourn. Paul Allen examines the work of this prolific playwright.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Some Do Not' by Fred Madox Ford. Abridged in 15 parts (13). Read by Hugh Burden. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, incl 11.00 News Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.0am Weather: Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 5.50-5.55pm PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: A Vous La France! 7; Bon appetit! 12.30-1.10am Schools night-time broadcasting: Economics (O-level) 12.30 Supply and Demand 5: Winning Out. 12.50 Your Money and Your Life: First Wage-Packet.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Gotovac's Kolo (Ero, der Schelm); Beethoven' Romance in F Op 50 (Thibaud/Craxton); Coates's suite From meadow to Mayfair; Krommer's Partita in E Flat Op 79.† 8.00 News.

8.05 Your Midweek Choice (contd): Goldmark's overture Sakuntala Op 13 Faure's Piano Quartet No 2 in G minor Op 45 (with Jean-Philippe Collard, piano).† 9.00 News.

9.05 The Week's Composer: Rimsky-Korsakov. Russian Easter Festival Overture; and The Rose and the Nightingale in the Silence of the Night (Galina Vishnevskaya, soprano, and Rostropvich, piano; Symphony No 2 (Antar).†

10.00 J C Bach and Arne: Bach's Sinfonia Concertante in A; Would You a Female Heart Inspire? (with Elsie Morrison, soprano): and Arne's Symphony No 4.

10.35 Schumann: Margaret Field (soprano) and Paul Hamburger (piano) perform Liederkreis, Op 39.†

11.15 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Jean Fournet). Berlioz's overture Beatrice and Benedict; d'Indy's Istar; and Bizet's Symphony in C major.†

12.15 Concert Hall: Gainsborough Trio play Schubert's Trio (Sonata in one movement) in B flat, D28; and Beethoven's Trio in D Op 70 No 1 (Ghost).† 1.00 News.

1.05 Benny Goodman: (7) The Classical Musician. Works by inter alia, Copland and Mozart.

1.30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Lawrence), with Peter Noke and Helen Krizos (two pianos). MacCunn's overture The Land of the Mountain and the Flood; Milhaud's Scaramouche; Fauré's Nocturne (Shylock), Arnold's Four Scottish Dances Op 59; Debussy's Lindaraja; Lalo's Aubade in G minor (Divertissement); Britten's Scottish Ballad Op 26.†

2.30 Scottish Season: Scottish Lieder. Fiona Dobie (soprano), Neil Mackie (tenor), Glyn Davenport (baritone), Roger Vignoles (piano) in Schubert and Loewe settings from Sir Walter Scott and The Lady of the Lake.†

3.15 Scottish Season: Scottish Baroque Ensemble (under Friedman). Edward Harper's Fantasia II; William Wordsworth's Elegy for Frieda; and arranged Kenneth Elliott, Old Scottish Dances.†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from the Chapel of Magdalen College, Oxford: a live transmission.† 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Jeremy Siepmann's selections.†

6.30 Debut: Miriam Brickman (piano) plays works by Edward MacDowell (including To the Sea; From a Wandering Iceberg (Sea Pieces); Griffes's The White Peacock; Crumb's Dream Images (Makrokosmos, Vol 1); and Max Lifchitz's Elegia.†

7.00 Scottish Season: Trevor Royle's Magnificat. A dramatization of the thoughts and writing of James Kennaway. With Julian Glover as the writer. Cast also includes Gwyneth Guthrie, Isobel Gardner and Sandy Neilson.†

7.55 The Royal Concert 1984: From Royal Albert Hall, London, in presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Marking the 225th anniversary of Handel's death. All the works are by Handel. Soloists: Janet Baker, Nicolai Gedda, John Shirley-Quirk, with David Lumsden (organ). Orchestras and choral groups conducted by Sir David Willcocks, Lieut Col Beat, and Meredith Davies. Part one includes the Coronation Anthem Zadok the Priest and Concerto Grosso in G Op 6 No 1.†

8.55 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

9.20 The Royal Concert: part two. Includes excerpts from Messiah, and the Organ Concerto in D minor Op 7 No 4.†

10.25 Honneger: Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, with David Shostac (flute) and Allan Vogel (cor anglais) play the Concerto da camera.†

10.45 Ladies Lost and Found: Martin Jarvis reads part 6 of Terence Tiller's modern English verse version of Chaucer's The Book of the Duchess and The House of Fame.

11.10 Nigel Kennedy and Peter Pettinger: Violin and piano recital. Beethoven's Sonata in A, Op 47 (Kreutzer); Sarasate's Fantaisie on Bizet's Carmen, Op 25.†

11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † denotes also VHF stereo.

News on the hour. (except 9.00pm Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 4.00am Colin Berry.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan† including 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Russell Harty.† 12.00pm Steve Jones† including 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford† including 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton† including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 8.00 The Spinners and Friends.† 8.30 Frank Chacksfield and his orchestra.† 9.15 Listen to the Band with Charlie Chester.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years, with Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00 Broadway Babes 12: Chita Rivera.† 3.30-4.00 Joan Savage sings.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. † denotes also VHF stereo.

News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 9.30pm and at 12.0 midnight 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies with Peter Powell, direct from The Avenue School, Reading, one of the schools to benefit from previous BBC Children in Need appeals, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 & 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Report On Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 The First Half Century. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 The Brotherhood Of Brass. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Tortura. 10.30 My Music. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Images Of Britain. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 The Ideal Cast. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Incredible Flautists. 3.30 Steptoe And Son. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Monitor. 8.00 World News. 8.15 Album Time. 8.45 Recording Of The Week. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Images Of Britain. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Steptoe And Son. 1.00 News Summary. 1.00 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 The Spirit Of Kitty Hawk. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

All times in GMT

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; **LBC** 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC **Radio London** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service** MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC1 WALES-12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio. 11.50-11.55 News and weather SCOTLAND 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.30-5.58 First Class. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 11.50-11.55 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.30-5.58 Up Front. 7.30-8.00 Land 'N' Larder. 11.52-12.10am Festival Notebook. 12.10-12.15 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts: 1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Gwrando a Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.00 Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Lubo's World. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.30 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dibendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Owain Yn Arwain. 8.00 Resio. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Children of An Lac. 10.50 Diverse Reports. 11.20 Feiffer's Follies. 12.20 Closedown.

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† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Benson. 1.20 News. 1.30 Protectors. 2.00-2.30 That's My Dog. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.05am Comedy Tonight. 12.35 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Three Little Words. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Pruitts Of Southampton. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Dick Tracy. 10.00-10.05 Barnstormers. 12.05am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.00 Adventures. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.05am News, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Three Little Words. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.05am Portrait of a Legend. 12.30 Big Question. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 That's Hollywood. 1.20 News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35 Film: Lady in the Fog* (Cesar Romero). 3.00 Survival. 3.30-4.00 Look Who's Talking. 5.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 12.05am Late Call, closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.32 That's my Dog. 2.02-2.30 Afternoon Club. 3.00 Afternoon Club. 3.27-4.00 Take the High Road. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.05am That's Hollywood. 12.35 Company. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.05am Portrait of a Legend. 12.40 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Shillingbury Tales. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.05am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.05am Shelley. 12.35 Key Thoughts, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Three Little Words. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 We'll Meet Again. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.05am Teachers Only. 12.35 News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Three Little Words. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Secrets of the Coast. 12.05am Postscript, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 One Woman. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.05am Portrait of a Legend. 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.05am News, Closedown.

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'Picking' returns to stricken coalfield

By Craig Seton

Coal "picking" – one of the most recognizable symptoms of hardship in a mining community – has returned to the British coalfields on a scale not witnessed since the 1926 General Strike and the mass unemployment of the 1930s.

Thousands of striking miners and, sometimes, their wives and children, are daily scavenging for poor quality waste coal on slag or "spoil" heaps, particularly in communities where pits have been idle for the past nine months.

Equipped with picks, shovels, sieves and carts to carry away their hard-won prize, they work knee-deep in the dirty waste in the hunt for the small black nuggets that will keep their home fires burning.

Miners who have refused for nine months to return to work have lost their concessionary coal entitlement – up to nine tonnes a year – from the Coal Board and as many of their homes are still heated by solid fuels, the number of pickers is increasing dramatically with the onset of winter.

There is evidence now that many unemployed people in hard-pressed mining communities have joined them.

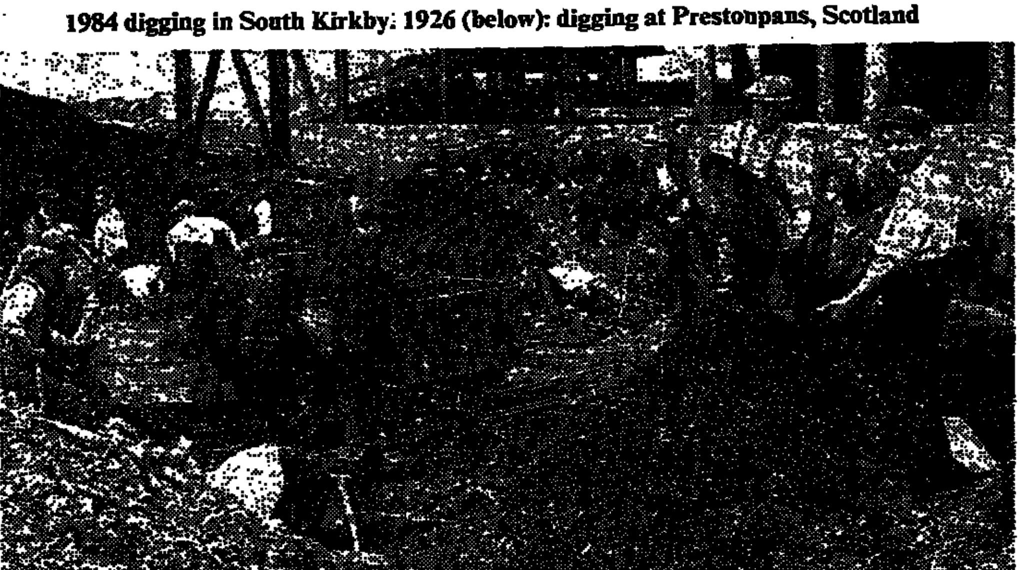
Miners regard "picking" as a traditional right during hard times and the Coal Board claims to turn a blind eye from those who scavenge on its waste tips, even though they are regarded as trespassing and stealing. But, prosecutions and, usually dismissal follows when pickers invade mounds of washed coal stocks waiting for paying customers and some reports suggest that there might be a flourishing black market in the proceeds from such raids.

For some, the price of picking is even higher. Two Doncaster brothers – the sons of an unemployed former miner – died on Sunday when a railway embankment collapsed and buried them alive as they dug into an exposed coal seam.

The two boys, together with a striking miner's son, who escaped with a broken leg, were picking coal for sale to pensioners to raise pocket money. There have now been five "picking" deaths in Yorkshire since the strike began and in the North-east a striking miner died when an exposed coal outcrop he was working on a beach collapsed.



1984 digging in South Kirkby; 1926 (below): digging at Prestonpans, Scotland



Hopes of £50 fall in Atlantic air fares

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Both actions arose from allegations that BA and several other Atlantic airlines conspired to drive Laker out of business by charging predatory fares contrary to the US anti-trust laws.

The allegations have been strongly contested by the airlines, and the British Government has consistently argued that fares authorized by both governments under the Bermuda 2 bilateral aviation agreement could not be illegal if the agreement had any meaning. It accused the US of exporting its domestic lawn into international trade: the vexed question of "extra-territoriality" also encountered in the controversy over the Russian gas pipeline orders.

London to New York winter return fares of £259 – some £40 below the current lowest – were banned by Mr Ridley in October when the US refused to give assurances that the fares would not be vulnerable to anti-trust action in the US courts. British Airways then tried to introduce the low fare for a limited period as a special Christmas bargain offer, but were again turned down by Mr Ridley last week.

If a new agreement is put together in the current Anglo-US talks, it is understood the airlines are hoping to introduce an even bigger cut than £40 next month.

● Mr Reagan's decision to end the Justice Department probe was regarded as an important victory for British diplomacy over the Government bureaucracy and US consumer groups, which complained bitterly about the decision (Bailey Morris writes).

Mr Howard Metzenbaum, a spokesman for an umbrella group of organizations representing US air travellers, said the decision in the final analysis could result in higher ticket prices, and was another example of government interference which hampered free competition among airlines.

Justice Department sources said yesterday the Grand Jury was within one month of completing its investigation and that department attorneys had planned to seek indictments in the case before the White House and State Department stepped in.

The word from the White House, at the highest level, was that the Reagan Administration did not want a fight over the issue with the Thatcher Government.

190 Poles defect from cruise ship in Hamburg

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while their applications are considered.

Warsaw appears to turn a blind eye to this haemorrhage, and frequently solicits large bribes in return for permission to board ferries to the West. Hamburg harbour authorities said no efforts were made by the Stefan Batory crew to stop passengers leaving the ship.

The defection is unlikely to cause much strain in relations with Warsaw.

● REASONS FOR GOING: The Stefan Batory defectors are, for the most part, working men and women who felt they had no economic future (AFP reports).

The majority say they want to go to the United States, Canada or Australia. Almost all are aged under 40 and there are six children.

"I had applied for a passport six years ago" Mr Jan Myszewski, an electrician from Warsaw, said. "When I finally got it last month, I immediately bought a ticket for the cheapest cruise available to take me to the West and America."

Mr Myszewski said that for his week's cruise, he had paid 107,000 zlotys, the equivalent of $850 (£670) at the official rate or $180 on the black market. He scraped up the money although his monthly salary was only 18,000 zlotys.

"In Poland you can work 24 hours a day and it's still not enough to make a decent living". Mr Roman Peplinski, another electrician, from Gdansk, said. He left his wife and seven-month-old daughter behind and hopes they will be able to join him later.

Many defectors spoke with feeling about the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-Solidarity priest, by Polish security police. But they said the decision to leave had been economic rather than political.

On arrival, defectors with families in West Germany contacted them. Others went to Roman Catholic missions.

One of these was particularly crowded, the Raphaelswerk, a church emigration assistance office. "There were at least 50 of us there", Mr Peplinski, who wants to go to Toronto, said.

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Letter from Melbourne

Bumping around in search of charisma

"What we really need", confessed a seasoned aide accompanying Mr Andrew Peacock as the Australian Opposition Leader's excessively long election trail wound through the early-morning stink of Sydney fish markets, "is a bumper-sticker concept".

Having decided at an early stage that calling the Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, "a little crook", across the floor of the federal parliament, was a counter-productive remark, Mr Peacock has studiously avoided personality insult at the hustings, but it has left him little to say that conveniently could be encapsulated on a car bumper.



The election is really about Mr Hawke's management of the economy, and not even the Liberal/National opposition can deny the substantial short-term improvement. Mr Peacock, unable to produce any instant vision of a new Australia from his back pocket, is reduced to sniping chiefly at the Labour government's plans for capital-gains tax and death duties.

With Mr Hawke's landslide reelection being forecast by all polls, and with an electorate more concerned with how to recover from the recent thrashing by the visiting West Indies, the boredom factor is in full play.

Mr Peacock recently suffered the indignity of flying to Tasmania for a radio phone-in to which no one phoned. A few days later, a Sydney rally had to be abandoned at the last minute when nobody turned up.

Mr Peacock went walkabout twice yesterday, accompanied at all times by his heavily-built campaign manager, Reg Withers, whom everyone calls The Toecutter and with whom nobody argues.

The Leader of the Opposition does not kiss babies, nor do women kiss him, despite his good looks and distinguishedly greying hair above a constant puckish grin.

But he is very fond of clapping total strangers round the shoulder, smiling broadly, and saying "Good on yer, mate". He does not attract vast crowds, he tries to elevate his pleasant and easy manner to the level of charisma, but does not quite succeed.

At a local radio station interview with his second wife Margaret, who has the look of a lady with ambitions, the discussion was mainly on his desire to run a radio station, and how his wife cuts his hair. Their choice of music was Stevie Wonder's "An Ordinary Day", which it clearly was.

Asked by an interviewer what he thought Mr Hawke's Achilles heel was, Mr Peacock firmly refused to say, except to complain at the dearth of philosophical political discussion nowadays.

At a conference of Australia's lively ethnic press, which covers those of almost every origin except the British, Mr Peacock almost became controversial by suggesting that the Hawke government's immigration policy, which seemed to favour every race except the British, was letting in large numbers of Central and South Americans who could well be terrorists. But there he stopped, admitting it was only hearsay.

Whereupon the Peacocks leapt to their Air Force BAC 1-11 and sped to their home patch of Melbourne, where Mrs Peacock had agreed to perform the most exciting event of the day, giving blood to persuade more women to do so.

The nation is in the grip of a scare over the death of three babies who had received transfusions from presumed homosexual blood donors infected with Aids. Health authorities are trying to trace another 1,000 suspect bottles.

It was a public-spirited gesture by Mrs Peacock, but the party managers still cannot quite see it as a car-bumper concept.

Alan Hamilton

Parties at dissolution

House of Representatives	
Labour	75
Liberal	33
National	17

Senate	
Labour	30(15)
Liberal	24(13)
Democrats	5(3)
National	4(2)
Independent	1

Figures in brackets are the Senate seats being contested at this election.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend The Royal Concert, Royal Albert Hall, 7.45.

The Duke of Edinburgh attends a reception for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Buckingham Palace, 11.30 to 12.30 and 4 to 5.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the HQ of SSAFA, Queen Anne's Gate, SW1, 11.45; and later opens the Student Centre and the Physiology Laboratories at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, 2.30.

The Prince of Wales visits projects at Pill, Morgan, Woodstock Pools, Bettws, Newport and Gwent, arrives Newport Station, 10; and later presents awards at Gwent County Council headquarters, Crocsyceiliog, Gwent, 11.35; and then, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, visits the St David's Foundation Day Centre, Cambrian House, St John's Rd, Newport, 2.25.

The Princess of Wales visits the Abbeyfield Society House, 7 Bryn Hyfryd Rd, Newport, 1.30.

Princess Anne visits the Diamond Centre for Handicapped Riders, Carshalton, Surrey, 11; and attends meeting at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, 3.45; she then attends the film premiere of *A Private Function*, Odeon, Haymarket, 7.45; followed by a reception at Maxim's, 9.50.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, opens the Sixth Form Centre at the Dame Alice Harper School, Bedford, 11.40.

The Duke of Gloucester holds a reception and investiture of Knights and Dames at St James's Palace, London, 10.45; and later chairs the international conference of Farm Building, Royal Society of Arts, London, 12.50. In the evening he attends a reception on the Golden Age of Angle-Saxon Art exhibition, British Museum, 12.50.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent attend a reception at the Imperial War Museum, 6.55.

The Duchess of Kent visits the Royal British Legion's home, Halsey House, Cromer, 11.15; and later attends the Norfolk County Conference, 2.25.

Exhibition in progress

Silver Palette Art, Derby Museum and Art Gallery, Strand, Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Dec 22).

Music

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra; Caird Hall, City Sq, Dundee, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orcherstra, Eden Court Theatre, Inverness, 7.45.

Concert by the University Orchestra, Concert Hall, Glasgow University, 7.30.

Concert by the Edinburgh Academy Choral Society; Queen's Hall Edinburgh, 7.45.

Concert by the English String Orchestra, St. David's Hall Cardiff, 7.30.

Organ recital by Colin Andrews; Colston Hall, Colston St, Bristol, 7.30.

Talks lectures

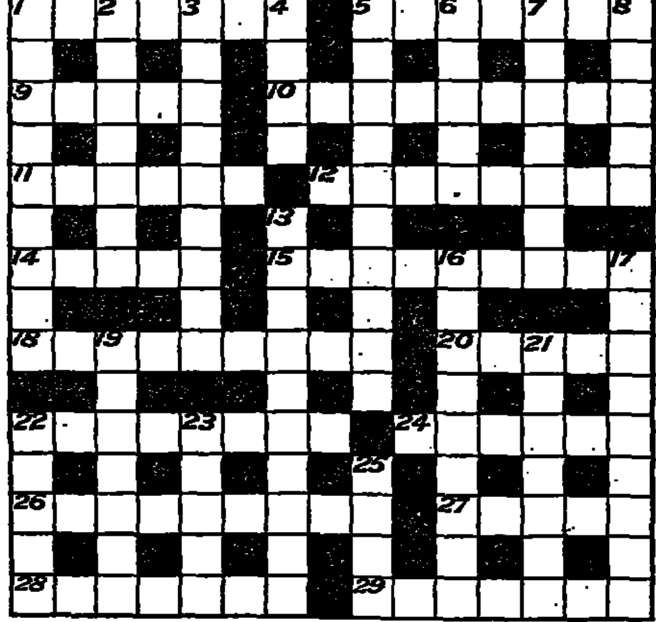
Canals of the Midlands, by Dr Langford; Large Lecture Theatre, Physics Poynting Building, Birmingham University, 11.

David Jones: Artist and Poet by Jane Vickers, Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, 12.30.

Staffordshire Wares and Wedgwood; by John Cushion; Usher Gallery, Lindum Rd, Lincoln, 7.30.

The Romans of Yorkshire, by Philip Abramson; Graves Art Gallery, Surrey St Sheffield, 12.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,591



ACROSS

1 Like unpolluted water River Board wanted (7).
5 Rate increased – public transport needs help (7).
9 Fleet Street's written about spouse with 2 (5).
10 Rowdiness making dour men in charge mad (9).
11 Inanimate deity? Nothing in it (6).
12 Borders on row – started by French (8).
14 Search for what is left in the fire perhaps (5).
15 Meeting points where business is transacted (9).
18 Delay when one is dismissed, perhaps (5,4).
20 Men providing protection for members (5).
22 Fanny without part in play's rehearsal (8).
24 Blamed after editor's move for disorderly scene (6).
26 Plan for putting on weight (9).
27 Expression of agreement from 6, perhaps (5).
28 Read one novel in school (7).
29 Centre of revolutionary activity on socialist occasion (7).

DOWN

1 Old man's weapons demanded by sentries (9).
2 Gradually decrease two types of spin (4,3).
3 Final defeat as pub runs dry? (6,3).
4 Sin, as it happens, overthrown (4).
5 Emphasize what the teens are (10).
6 Philosopher successfully got home (5).
7 Transport thus if trail is out of order? (7).
8 To object thus is almost excessively prim (5).
13 Forces fellows to provide maintenance (10).
16 Lear's aged relative? Obviously not (9).
17 Friml's show-girls (4,5).
19 Silk that's fashionable, in a word (7).
21 Music for leaderless orchestra – group not up to it (7).
22 Daily pronouncement by Cockney player (5).
23 A number about in the crowd (5).
25 Director, of course, is hard – leaves producer (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,590

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 14

New books – hardbacks

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Crane, Prose and Poetry, edited by J. C. Levenson (Cambridge, £17.50)
Flying Visits, by Clive James (Cape, £8.95)
How to Shoot an Amateur Naturalist, by Gerald Durrell (Collins, £8.95)
The Buildings of Scotland, Edinburgh, by John Gifford, Colin McWilliam, and David Walker (Penguin, £14.95)
The Henry Morris Collection, edited by Harry Rée (Cambridge, £15)
The House of Mitford, by Jonathan Guinness, with Catherine Guinness (Hutchinson, £12.95)
The Jacobite Clans of the Great Glen, 1650-1784, by Bruce Lenman (Methuen, £14.95)
The Vital Science, Biology and the Literary Imagination 1860-1900, by Peter Morton (Allen & Unwin, £18)
Whitaker's Almanack 1985, edited by Richard Blake (Whitaker, £11.95)
Women in England, 1870-1950, Sexual Divisions and Social Change, by Jane Lewis (Wheatsheaf, £16.95, paperback £5.95)

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Roads

Wales and West: M4: One lane only operating between junctions 21 and 22 (Aust Services to Chepstow) on Severn Bridge westbound, 24 hrs.

The Midlands: A45: Temporary signals between Cambridge and St Neots, near Caldecot. A43: Bypass construction between Northampton and Kettering at Broughton, Northants. M6: Contraflow between junction 10A (M54) and 11 (Cannock); Hilton Park Services closed; exits at junction 11 closed.

The North: A69: Roadworks at Gateshead western bypass; lane restrictions, Tyne and Wear. A5805: Near Waterloo Park, Preston on Blackpool Rd, a new bridge is being built. A1: Contraflow along Morpeth bypass at Fairmoor Bridge.

Scotland: A9: Roundabout construction at Alness; single lane traffic with temp lights; 24hr. A86: Reconstruction north of A889 junction at Laggan Bridge; single lane with lights; 24hrs.

Information supplied by the AA.

Rail fares

British Rail's cheap inter-city saver fares will be available over the Christmas period except for Christmas day and Boxing day, when service is suspended. Typical examples are: London to Birmingham £11 (£15 on Fridays) against a normal return of £25; London to Manchester £17 (£22 on Fri) against £41.50; London to Glasgow £31 (£38 on Fri) against £67; and London to Exeter £17.50 (£22.50 on Fri) against £36. Details from local British Rail stations.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Civil Aviation Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Debate on work of research councils.

Student discounts

Discount cards costing £2.90 and giving students cut-price travel on National Express and Scottish citylink coaches are now available at all main post offices in England, Scotland and Wales. They save the holder up to 33 per cent on any relevant coach journey. The document must be signed by a tutor and presented at a post office with one passport sized photograph. To qualify someone must be at least 17 in England and Wales, at least 16 in Scotland and be in full-time education.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.505	1.435
Austria Sch	27.30	26.00
Belgium Fr	78.40	74.40
Canada $	1.70	1.63
Denmark Kr	14.02	13.32
Finland Mkk	8.12	7.72
France Fr	11.85	11.30
Germany DM	3.87	3.66
Greece Dr	178.00	163.00
Hongkong $	10.15	9.55
Ireland Pt	1.255	1.195
Italy Lira	2365.00	2285.00
Japan Yen	316.00	302.00
Netherlands Gld	4.35	4.15
Norway Kr	11.25	10.75
Portugal Esc	216.00	202.00
South Africa Rd	2.31	2.13
Spain Pta	215.50	205.50
Sweden Kr	11.05	10.55
Switzerland Fr	3.19	3.04
USA $	1.292	1.242
Yugoslavia Dnr	300.00	280.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 357.7

London: The FT Index closed down 6.3 at 912.8.

The papers

The Daily Mirror, commenting on Mr Peter Walker's speech yesterday on unemployment in Britain, says: "It was a brave speech. But will there be any brave action to follow it?"

The Daily Express says: "There should be no question of Yasser Arafat being allowed to visit Britain."

Stamp yearbook

A combined yearbook and album of Britain's special stamp issues, *Royal Mail Special Stamps 1984*, is now on sale. It is available at philatelic counters and most main post offices at a cost of £14.95.

Christmas stamps

A cut-price stamp book to help people save on the cost of their Christmas postage is now on sale at post offices.

Anniversaries

Births: Voltaire, Paris, 1694; René Magritte, Surrealist painter, Lessimes, Belgium, 1898.

Deaths: Henry Purcell, composer, London, 1695; James Hogg, the 'Ettrick Shepherd', Yarrow, 1835; James Barry Hertzog, prime minister of South Africa 1924-39, Pretoria, 1942; Sir Chandrasekhara Raman, physicist, Nobel laureate 1930, Bangladesh, India, 1970.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Weather forecast

A complex low pressure area will cover the British Isles.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, E, W Midlands: Sunny periods at first, cloudy later, occasional rain; wind W becoming SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 12C (54F).

E, central N, NE England, Borders: Rather cloudy, occasional rain at first and later; wind variable fresh, decreasing light or moderate; max temp 9C (48F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S, N Wales: Becoming cloudy, occasional rain; wind W becoming S, fresh or strong, locally gale later; max temp 12C (54F).

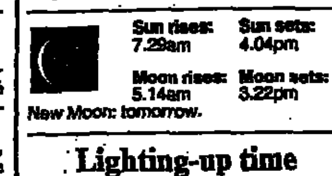
NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Sunny periods developing, further rain later; wind variable becoming S light or moderate; max temp 10C (50F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, rain in places; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 8C (46F.

Argyll, NW Scotland: Mostly dry, bright or sunny periods; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 9C (48F.

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Cloudy with rain at first but brighter, showery weather spreading from W; becoming colder on Friday.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW strong to gale; showers, rain later; visibility good; sea rough or very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW strong to gale backing S fresh; rain at times; visibility moderate or good; sea very rough becoming moderate.



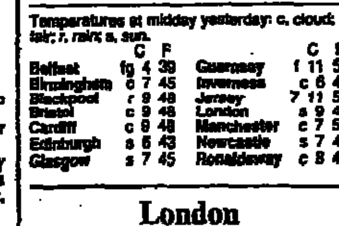
Sun rises: 7.29am Sun sets: 4.04pm
Moon rises: 5.14am Moon sets: 3.22pm
New Moon: tomorrow.

Lighting-up time

London 4.34 pm to 7.01 am
Bristol 4.44 pm to 7.10 am
Edinburgh 4.26 pm to 7.33 am
Manchester 4.34 pm to 7.18 am
Penzance 5.01 pm to 7.17 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.



		C	F			C	F
Belfast	fg	4	39	Guernsey	f	11	52
Birmingham	c	7	45	Inverness	c	6	43
Blackpool	r	9	48	Jersey	[illegible]	11	52
Bristol	c	9	48	London	s	9	48
Cardiff	c	9	48	Manchester	c	7	50
Edinburgh	s	6	43	Newcastle	s	7	45
Glasgow	s	7	45	Ronaldsway	c	8	46

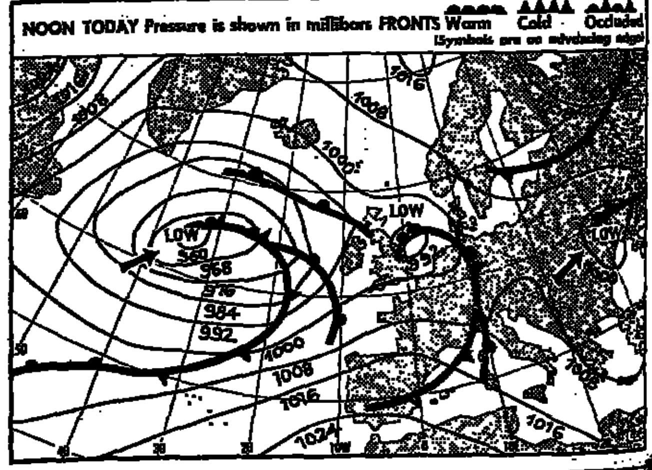
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1004.8 millibars falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

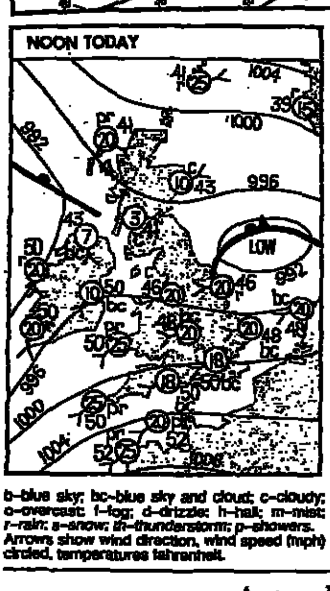
Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Newquay 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Lossiemouth 1.06in; highest sunshine: Folkestone 5.7hr

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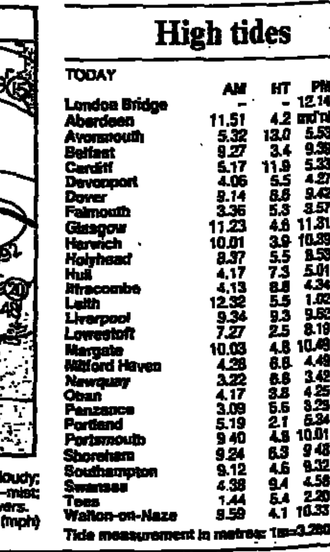
NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



NOON TODAY

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

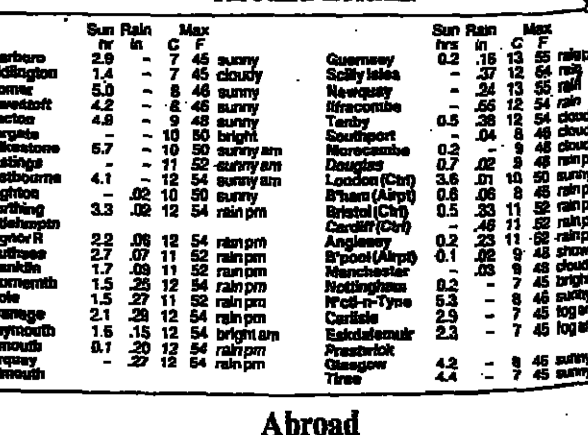
High tides



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aberdeen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avonmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Belfast	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cardiff	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Devonport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dover	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glasgow	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harwich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Holyhead	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hull	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	4.13	8.8	4.34	[illegible]
Leith	12.32	5.5	1.02	[illegible]
Liverpool	9.34	9.3	9.62	[illegible]
Lowestoft	7.27	2.5	8.19	[illegible]
Margate	10.03	4.8	10.49	[illegible]
Milford Haven	4.28	6.8	4.49	[illegible]
Newquay	3.22	6.8	3.42	[illegible]
Oban	4.17	3.8	4.25	[illegible]
Penzance	3.09	5.5	3.29	[illegible]
Portland	5.19	2.1	5.34	[illegible]
Portsmouth	9.40	4.8	10.01	[illegible]
Shoreham	9.24	6.3	9.48	[illegible]
Southampton	9.12	4.6	9.32	[illegible]
Swansea	4.38	9.4	4.56	[illegible]
Tees	1.44	5.4	2.20	[illegible]
Walton-on-Naze	9.59	4.1	10.33	[illegible]

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.9	–	7	45	sunny
Bridlington	1.4	–	7	45	cloudy
Cromer	5.0	–	8	46	sunny
Lowestoft	4.2	–	8	46	sunny
Clacton	4.9	–	9	48	sunny
Margate	–	–	10	50	bright
Folkestone	5.7	–	10	50	sunny am
Hastings	–	–	11	52	sunny am
Eastbourne	4.1	–	12	54	sunny am
Brighton	–	.02	10	50	sunny
Worthing	3.3	.02	12	54	rain pm
Littlehmptn					
Bognor R	2.2	.06	12	54	rain pm
Southsea	2.7	.07	11	52	rain pm
Shanklin	1.7	.09	11	52	rain pm
Bournemth	1.5	.25	12	54	rain pm
Poole	1.5	.27	11	52	rain pm
Swanage	2.1	.29	12	54	rain pm
Weymouth	1.5	.15	12	54	bright am
Exmouth	0.1	.20	12	54	rain pm
Torquay	–	.27	12	54	rain pm
Falmouth					

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	0.2	.16	13	55	rain pm
Scilly Isles	–	.37	12	54	rain
Newquay	–	.24	13	55	rain
Ilfracombe	–	.65	12	54	rain
Tenby	0.5	.38	12	54	cloudy
Southport	–	.04	8	46	cloudy
Morecambe	0.2	–	9	48	cloudy
Douglas	0.7	.02	9	48	rain pm
London (Ctrl)	3.6	.01	10	50	sunny am
B'ham (Airpt)	0.8	.06	8	46	rain pm
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.5	.33	11	52	rain pm
Cardiff (Ctrl)	–	.46	11	52	rain pm
Anglesey	0.2	.23	11	52	rain pm
B'pool (Airpt)	0.1	.02	9	48	showers
Manchester	–	.03	9	48	cloudy
Nottingham	0.2	–	7	45	bright
N'ctl-n-Tyne	5.3	–	8	46	sunny
Carlisle	2.9	–	7	45	fog am
Eskdalemuir	2.3	–	7	45	fog am
Prestwick					
Glasgow	4.2	–	8	46	sunny am
Tiree	4.4	–	7	45	sunny

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	15	59	Cologne	c	7	45
Akrotiri	s	21	70	Copenhgn	c	5	41
Alexandria				Corfu	r	16	61
Algiers	f	19	66	Dublin	f	8	46
Amsterdam	f	9	48	Dubrovnik	r	12	54
Athens	f	22	72	Faro	f	17	63
Bahrain	s	25	77	Florence	s	10	50
Barbados				Frankfurt	c	5	41
Barcelona	s	16	61	Funchal	c	20	68
Beirut	s	23	73	Geneva	c	9	48
Belgrade	c	7	45	Gibraltar	s	18	64
Berlin	c	3	37	Helsinki	c	-3	27
Bermuda*	s	24	75	Hongkong	s	21	70
Biarritz	f	13	55	Innsbruck	r	4	39
Boulogne	f	10	50	Istanbul	f	18	64
Bordeaux	f	13	55	Jiddah	s	31	88
Brussels	s	8	46	Jo'burg			
Budapest	c	7	45	Karachi	s	28	82
Buen Aires*	c	26	79	Las Palmas	s	23	73
Cairo	s	24	75	Lisbon	f	18	64
Cape Tn	f	19	66	Locarno	s	9	48
C'blanca	c	19	66	L Angeles	s	16	61
Chicago*	f	2	36	Luxembg	r	6	43
Ch'church*	s	17	63	Madrid	s	13	55

		C	F			C	F
Majorca				Rome	f	15	59
Malaga				Salzburg*	c	3	37
Malta	f	19	66	Sao Paulo*	f	21	70
Melbourne	s	23	75	S Francisco*	s	13	55
Mexico C				Santiago*	s	27	81
Miami*	f	28	82	Seoul	s	9	48
Milan	fg	4	39	Singapore	f	29	84
Montreal	f	-4	25	Stockholm	r	3	37
Moscow	s	-4	25	Strasbourg	r	7	45
Munich	c	5	41	Sydney	c	24	75
Nairobi				Tangier	f	17	63
Naples	s	15	59	Tel Aviv	s	25	77
New Delhi	s	24	75	Tenerife	f	21	70
New York*	c	4	39	Tokyo	r	7	45
Nice	s	16	61	Toronto*	s	-2	28
Oslo	sn	1	34	Tunis	c	15	59
Paris	s	11	52	Valencia	s	17	63
Peking				Vancouver*	r	9	48
Perth	s	24	75	Venice	s	11	52
Prague	c	2	36	Vienna	r	4	39
Reykjavik	f	4	39	Warsaw	c	0	32
Rhodes	f	21	70	Washington	s	16	[illegible]
Riyadh	s	24	75	Wellington*	f	7	[illegible]
Rio de Jan*	c	22	72	Zurich			

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available